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October boom frees Chancellor's hand for tax cuts and increased spending on health and education

Clarke in the money



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Business delivers I

Larry Eliiott Economics Editor

was last night set to pull off a Budget hat-trick of lower taxes, reduced borrowing and higher spending on education and health after official figures showed Britain's booming companies pushing the state finances back into the black last month.

Taken aback by the Govern-ment's £4.4 billion surplus in October, some City analysis were last night predicting Mr Clarke would gamble on a 2p month election campaign.

24-hour C4

US shows

pledges less

Andrew Cuif Media Correspondent

CHANNEL 4 yesterday an-nounced it would begin 24-hour broadcasting from Janu-

ary next year and reduce the number of American imports,

as it launched a fight-back

against criticism. Commercial rivals have

John Willis, director of pro-

increase pressure from the Bank of England for higher base rates to combat inflation.



According to the Treasury, government receipts stood at just over £28 billion, com-



pared with spending of £23.6 the improvement is due to billion in October. The surplus — nearly four times as ceeds, with the PSBR excludhigh as the debt repayment of file state sell-offs standing at £1.2 billion in October 1995—
went some of the way to offsetting the deficit built up in the first six months of the figures," Mr Clarke said in a

am on course to hit my sum-mer forecast for public borrowing."
In the summer, Mr Clarke

orecast that the PSBR would be £26.9 billion in the current financial year, a modest improvement on last year's £31.7 billion. However, David Wal-ton, economist at Goldman Sachs, said that if the recent trend continued the PSBR could turn out to be £23.6 billion. "These were excellent figures which give the Chancellor much greater room for manoeuvre in next week's Budget than previously

public spending, but agreed that the Chancellor now had more scope to compensate for the big tax-raising Budgets of

these figures confirm is that I | rate tax, they were up by 25 per cent on a year ago. Officials said this jump was

in part due to the strength of the economy, but pointed out that the performance of the corporate sector was mixed. Financial companies, which are outperforming manufacturing, tend to pay corpora-tion tax in October, while industry tends to favour

cise receipts — up by 11 per cent this year on April— October 1995/96 — may have been influenced by a new tax

cent this year, more than double the planned 1.8 per

Last time I was in Spain I got through six Jeffrey Archer novels. Well, it's

impossible to get Andrex

Dad was a greengrocer. For

the first rive year.
I lived on unsold citrus

fruit. If anyone squeezed m I squirted them in the eye.

direction. The other night

come and help her—and this was between the bath-room and the bedroom.

Well, that was her story.

My wife has no sense of

she got so lost she had to phone for an AA man to

over there.

Tory rebels retreat from bid to soften ban on guns

Ewen MacAskill Chief Political

RIGHTWING Tory MPs voted last nicht cision to introduce a handgun ban in the wake of the Dunblane massacre. With the col-lapse of the rebels, the way ras open for the Government to bring in its ban on all guns above 22 calibre.

A score of Conservative backbenchers, with the backing of the gun lobby, had been seeking to water down the Government's ban by exempt-

ng guns for target shooting. The retreat came during an emotional debate watched in the public gallery by some of the parents of the children killed by Thomas Hamilton in March. With them was Eileen Harrild, the teacher shot and wounded in the massacre, wbo said: "I am down here at Westminster to shame MPs into doing the right thing. It sense to me to ban all handguns.'

Sir Jerry Wiggin, Conserva-tive MP for Weston-super-Mare, had led the rump of MPs in a campaign to exempt a wide range of sporting guns

The MPs realised that if would have lost. They will hope their case is revived in the Lords, but in effect the chance has gone to amend the bill significantly.
Michael Howard, the Home

Secretary, offered no concessions to the potential rebels beyond hints that he might be more flexible over compensation for gun holders. He hinted strongly that he would extend compensation to include holders of .22 calibre guns. He was sympathetic to arguments from Tories who

calibre guns might not be able to afford the stringent arin the law will require.

Although 22 calibre guns

will be legal, they will have to be held in gun clubs rather than homes and these gun clubs will have high security. The cost will be prohibitive for many shooters, who may regard their .22s as worthless and will therefore ask for compensation.

With the Tory rightwingers out of the way, the debate was left to those in favour of the Government's partial ban and the Opposition's call for a total ban.

MPs were debating line by line the Firearms (Amendment) Bill during its committee stage. The bill is being rushed through and is expected to be on the statute book before Christmas.

Earlier, one of the potential rebels complained that the Government was legislating Conservative MP for Wolverhampton South-West, said: "We understand your feelings, we share your grief, but we do just wonder whether the solution that you put forward is in fact going to have the effect that you so much

hope for."

He said 96 per cent of crimes committed with firearms were committed with they had pressed it to a vote, unlicensed firearms, on wnich the legi

have no effect.

The other main thrust of the argument from the Tory rump was for increased com-pensation. Mr Howard rejected pleas to give compensation to gun shops and manof business. Compensation will be paid for every gun held in shops, but not for loss of business.

Before the crucial vote on a partial or total ban, Labour said it would introduce a total said that some holders of .22 ban in government.

£4.4bn surplus

HANCELLOR Kenneth Clarke

cut in the basic rate of tax as the launchpad for a five-

October merely brought the Government's finances back on course to hit the borrowing forecast of the summer. Treasury sources stressed that the public sector borrowing requirement figures for last month had been flattered by special factors boosting corporation tax and VAT. The Chancellor is aware that a giveaway Budget would stoke consumer spending and

Conservative strategists believe that any political benefit from tax cuts could be negated by dearer mortgages. Even so, it was widely assumed in the markets last night that Mr Clarke's fourth Budget would move towards a 20 per cent standard rate of



books, well down on the £18.7 billion in the first seven months of 1995/96. Some of

figures," Mr Clarke said in a statement. "But October is However, the Chancellor local tax, a reduction in 1996/97 financial year.

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In the year to date, the Government, as the financial year.

In the year to date, the Government has had to borrow tax revenues are strong, par which with January is a key billion repayment of debt in cash for health and education.

January They also added that the buoyancy of Customs and Ex-

Corporation Tax receipts this financial year are 21 per cent up on 1995/96, more than double the official forecast of

seemed likely." Adam Cole, at City firm James Capel, warned that the surge in tax receipts was masking higher than planned departments is up by 4 per

cent increase for the year as a whole. Officials said the sell-1993 and 1994. "We would not rule out 2p off the basic rate on income tax."

offs of MoD married quarters and the Housing Corporation's loan book — worth a total of £1.25 billion — would help because they were being counted as negative public expenditure.

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Over the last decade, university staff have created the equivalent of 50 new universities.

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civil service principals eam £39,324, but academics earn just £26,430.

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Comedian Bob Monkhouse gets the jokes as 'priceless babies' returned were returned to us, the money was passed over and the police made an arrest." The first that Mr MonkBut it was Jim Bowen who asked reward for their return.

OR Bob Monkhouse, last night could not have been better if he had scooped last week's rollover lottery Jackpot himself. After 18 months of anguish and sleepless nights, he was celebrating the return of his "priceless — two maroon folders containing 25 years of material, which were stolen from a BBC office in July last year.
Disparagingly referred to
as the veteran entertainer's
joke books, the folders — each accused Channel 4 of plunging in the ratings battle.

Last night they were safely in the hands of police after an operation at the London offices of his agents. A 47-year-old man was being questioned in connection with their

In typical fashion, Mr Monkhouse, 68, gushed: "To say I am overjoyed would be understating my mind."

His agent, Peter Pritchard, said he had handed over \$10,000 in exchange for the

house, who presents National Lottery Live and a host of other television shows, knew of the operation was when he received a call from Mr Pritchard telling him the folders had been returned. He told Sky News: "My agent told me that my stolen ledgers were back in safe keeping. He just phoned me to say. Your

Disparagingly referred to books. "We were approached babies have flown home. That is the veteran entertainer's last week by someone who joke books, the folders—each said the books could be obstiffed with 200 loose-leaf tained and they would love you."

induced most cringes. He said: "I used the book about a year ago when Bob lent it me.
It's so old it's written in
Latin." After starting his career at the age of 14 writing gags for the legendary stand-up Max Miller, Bob Monkhouse went

on to become synonymous with smarm. While some hoped that the theft of his books would force him into retirement, he has since won over a new genera-The news of the theft tion of fans with raunchy new

John Willis, director of programmes, said Channel 4's sheets of dialogue, sketches budget would be increased by 17 per cent from £265 million to 1210 million next year.

Stutted with 200 10058-1821 require an amount of money. The news of the theft tion of fans with range and ideas — were so precious to Mr Monkhouse that he of and with their help we arranged a meeting. The books an's comtemporaries. Stan vised" programme. prompted a spate of Monk-house gags from the comedi-house On the Spot "impro-

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£310 million next year.

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Sport Terry Vertables is expected to accept 2260,000 a year to become chach of Australia, while continuing robes

Sketch

In defence of the right to be wrong



Simon Hoggart

HE Commons yesterday heard one of the finest speeches made there for months. But first, some cheap and meaningless trivia.

David Shaw (C. Dover) rose

on a point of order to ask whether the Speaker could ban mysterious millionaires from coming into the House to dump envelopes of cash on the Leader of the Opposition's desk. This new piece of sleaze has startled many of us. We had assumed that the teenagers in Mr Blair's office were

on work experience.

Next, debates on the Firearms Bill — the one which will ban most handguns — began with the "Money Resolution". This indicates that the Queen has agreed to fork out the necessary wonga (not from her own personal stash, of course she's saving that in case she can still hire Max Clifford as

her new press secretary). This normally goes through on the nod, but not yesterday. First we heard Sir Terence Higgins (C, Worthing). Many of us have pondered for years why this distinguished, balding, former Olympic athlete runs the Terence Higgins Trust, a high-profile Aids charity. I just cannot see him cruising Old Compton Street in leather trousers handing out free "Safe Play" condoms (A colleague scornfully informs me that the former minister is no relation to the late Aids victim, Terrence Higgins, after whom the trust is named. Sorry.)

Sir Terence wanted to know how much money would be spent and who would get it. And it does look like a bottom less pit. The bill will cover

Garth Cartwright

The Corn Exchange, Cambridge

ble man of British pop, a caterpillar who developed

unwittingly into a chart but-

middle 30s. Recording as the

Lightning Seeds, the trade name for Broudie's self-con-

tained efforts, the Livernool-

based studio wizard has cre-

of Echo & The Bunnymen, Broudie devised the Light-

ning Seeds in the late 1980s.

His songs, then as now, are

often hummable but rarely memorable. Heavily indebted

lodic patterns, his music argu-

ennon and McCartney's soul.

ably owes more to their pro-

ducer, George Martin, than

tently popular singles and al-

bums, Broudie first went out

platinum selling 1994 album, Jollification. The consensus

then was that he should stay in the studio but with the

release last week of Dizzy Heights, into the album charts

at No. 11, he is touring again.
If most Indie bands resem-

ble students, the rarely photo-

with a band to tour his double-

Having composed consis-

ated a lush sound that borders

Britpop and mainstream rock.

Initially noted as producer

terfly when already in his

AN BROUDIE is the invisi-

The Lightning Seeds

Mournful echoes of

the Bunnies' man

Review

incurred as a result of this guillotine motion, the one which restricts debate. Jack Straw said Labour would support the guillotine, since it has omised to speed the bill on

Next Nicholas Budgen (C, Wolverhampton SW) made the uperb speech, one which I found more impressive be-cause I agree with banning handguns and Mr Budgen doesn't. It was one of those occasions when one man is it a small minority and yet forces the entire House to knowledge that he is almost certainly right. He said this was a "bad and

even a disgraceful" motion. Guillotines were to prevent filibusters, or to stop an Oppoministers, or to stop an Opp sition abusing the House's procedures. "But this is the worst sort, because it is an agreed guillotine, when the House gangs together as a lynch mob, to deprive a sub-stantial number of decent an honourable people of their

In the same way that oppo-nents of capital punishment, such as himself, had to tell the arents of murder victims that the rope would not have saved their lost child, memhers had to find the courage to say to the Dunblane parents: "We understand your feeling: and we share your grief, but we wonder whether the solution you put forward is going to have the effect which you hope for." However, MPs know "it would be difficult and unpleasant to disagree with the Dunblane parents, we say let's throw a bit of money at it". Mr Budgen lacks the lapi-

dary style of his predecessor, Enoch Powell, and sometimes he drifts into the querulous. wounded. "The Opposition has abandoned its proper role of ensuring a full debate," he concluded, thundering There is nothing more tyran nical than an agreed House of Commons."

Wherever you stand on guns, Mr Budgen is right.

guitar, nods and takes his

Or Not, they are loud and

crunchy, a world away from

their studio-effect-saturated

recordings. Their stoic front

Broudie said in a recent in-

erview he was "down more

than I'm up" and last night be

played his songs with a weary

worldliness. The hired Seeds

earned their wages by playing

efficiently. But the lack of a

group dynamic emphasises the difference between bands

that claw their way out of the

o play the hits.

garage and those that are paid

Broudie is an adroit crafts-

man, his alluring melodies

and mournful vocals suggest-

ing more than the agreeably

slight material delivers. If he

former, possessed a sem-blance of Scouse wit or lyrical

compassion, he might redeem

these songs beyond bedsit-by-

numbers. The Lightning Seeds are an

effective live unit, and careful

pacing of the set, with the hits spun out between the misses, saw the audience enjoying a

slick pop machine. This review appeared in

later editions yesterday.

was a more animated per-

man possesses little in the

way of enigmatic presence



sion battle is in prospect at the United Nations headquarters in New York

Boutros-Ghali defies US veto

stubborn, obstinate individ-

ual. He's a public servant, not

a politician and he should ac-

would bow out gracefully

after the American move, but

his spokesmen said he in-

tended to remain a candidate

hesitation or sorrow that he

service as secretary-general

for the United Nations

whether for a full term or half

a term." wrote Mohammed

ment" later in the week. He

was expected to be at his desk

as usual today.

Last week it emerged that

on November 1 at Heathrow airport in possession of a pre-

arrested two weeks ago allegedly trying to sell a copy of thousand thorised biography, which lan Starkie. Serialisation to ban. A second copy was

lan Starkie. Serialisation to ban A second copy was found at her home. She was acquired by the Daily Mail.

cept the realities of life."

UN secretary-general refuses to go guietly, whatever the cost

lark Tran in New York

OUTROS Boutros-Ghali, the secretary-general of the United graphed Lightning Seeds re-call bank clerks on a night out pull out of the running for a second term in the world's top Broudie wanders on with his diplomatic job despite the de termination of the United States to veto his candidacy. place centre stage looking be-A messy succession battle mused. Launching into Ready

even if that jeopardised another African's chances of winning the post. Even prom-inent Egyptians have urged was in prospect in a sched-uled secret vote of the Security Council, with 13 of the 15 their countryman to step members declaring their support for Mr Boutros-Ghali. tros-Ghali to declare without Britain alone was non-

When the council's position was reported to Mr Boutros Ghali, he informed it of his intention to proceed with his goal of a second term. "Boutros makes life diffi- Heikal, a confidant of the late tros-Ghali has only imple-

dedia Correspondent

of the Duchess of York.

AN Monk, the deputy editor

of the Daily Express, is leav-ing the newspaper after an in-

quiry into a stolen biography

His wife, Anita Monk, was

rights for the book had been

which is in a flerce circula-

state-run newspaper al-After the inevitable US veto the council was initially to consider only African candi-dates as it is still the conticult for everyone," said a Western diplomat. "He's a

nent's "turn". The US issued a veiled warning to African countries to hurry up and produce a list

ity of the job going elsewhere. The US spin on the veto was that it had been forced into confrontation by those countries that had refused to discuss the secretary-general issue until now in the mistaken belief that President Clinton would drop his oppo-sition to Mr Boutros-Ghali after the US election.

"Those countries that refused to discuss the issue over the last six months have done a disservice to the UN," said an American diplomat. The US has justified its veto on two counts. First Mr Bou-

The arrest came the day be-fore the Daily Mail began its

£170,000 serialisation of the Starkie book. The Express

carried many of its revela-

tions as a spoiler, claiming they had appeared in a US

magazine.
Mrs Monk's arrest came

after the Sun newspaper, which had rejected the manu-

President Nasser, in Egypt's | mented reform under duress, state-run newspaper al- But second, and a more serious problem, is his unpopu larity on Capitol Hill. The task of getting funding from Congressional Republicans would be made impossible if he stayed on.
The US diplomat said that

"fairly or unfairly, our Congress has lost confidence in

Representatives, Newt Ging-rich, recently indicated a softening of Republican hostility to the UN, though not to Mr Boutros-Ghali. In a speech earlier this month at a fundraising event, Mr Gingrich said: "We must reform the UN, but then frankly, we're going to have to pay for the UN and that's frankly going to be a challenge. We can't end up as a country totally isolated around the world because people don't understand our policies and don't understand what we're

Express deputy goes in inquest on Fergie biography affair Last night sources at the quiries. A report has been police and set up a "sting" Express said Mr Monk would sent to the Crown Prosecuble leaving by "mutual agreetion Service.

It is understood the Express is anxious to reach a civilised arrangement with Mr Monk, who joined the paper from the Mail at the beginning of the year. He had insisted to editor Richard Addis that he was unaware of his wife's actions. Mr Monk was not available for comment last night. His departure is the latest shock to hit the Express group, which shed 85 journalists and merged staff on the daily and Sunday titles in September.

BBC change was vital, says Yentob

LAN Yentob, the BBC's director of programmes, last night attempted to end the crists of confidence in the corporation's managem a powerful defence of director general John Birt's changes. He said there had been n alternative if the BBC "wanted to have a prayer in the 1990s" as it faced the twin threats of a handbagging from Lady Thatcher and Rupert Murdoch's fistful of new

We've had to change, no for the sake of change, but to survive — and we have got to go on changing." Mr Yentob told an audience of leading television executives. "I'm not going to pretend it was easy, or that the BBC instantly got it right."

Delivering the first annual Batta lecture in London, he

sought to defuse last week's criticism in the Guardian from the Writers Guild of Great Britain that the BBC's distinctive range of programmes would be destroyed under Mr Birt's restructure ing. The warning coincided with a staff survey showing 96 per cent of union members unhappy with his man

creation of separate broadcast and production directorates and urged critics to end the in fighting.
The BBC doesn't have the

huxury — let alone the right — to be divided against itself any more: That statement may sound strange in the light of a reorganisation which some hux seen as the which some have seen as the But in fact the BBC is being cleaved apart so that it can work better as one."

He added: "I know shouldn't sound too gung-ho. I know that disaffection among BBC staff is still widespread. The process of making economies may have been too dragged out - and the nerves of people worn too thin." But there were more programme makers than ever and more

He praised the saving of 2500 million in five years which have been put back into programmes, reducing summertime repeats by hum dreds of hours.
Mr Yentob, who was controller of BBC1 until June's

shake-up, is now creative leader of the world's largest television production department BBC Production could build a critical mass of pro-

"It has to be the lodestar in our industry for programme making talent of all kinds For BBC programme-making — not BBC politics, BBC sen iners, not even BBC schedul-ing — programme-making must remain the bedrock."



Yard foils £65m island scam

COTLAND Yard has Soiled a scheme that could have bankrupted one of the world's The Speaker of the House of the use of huge IOUs worth a total of £65 million.

Two people have been bailed to appear in court in London pext month.

Had the 10 IOUs been presented for payment, they would have ruined the Pacific island state of Vanuatu; £65 million represents nearly five times its annual overseas earnings. Fraud squad officers are thought to have intercepted the "promissory notes" in July, but a fax on September 30 to the squad's London HQ from Vanuatu's then deputy prime minis-ter, Barak Sope, requested the release of the IOUs and

the people it had arrested. Mr Sope had, as finance minister, been a signatory to the IOUs in March, along with others including the then prime minister, Maxime Korman. The government was persuaded to issue the guarantees by an Australian financial consultant, Peter Swanson who suggested they could be traded on the world market for vast returns. Mr natu awaiting trial.

Mr Sope told Scotland
Yard the IOUs had been le-

gally obtained and asked that the charges against the London pair be dropped. He said: "As a result of investi-



any wrongdoing and/or misrepresentation".
This contradicted the offi-

cial viewpoint in Vanuatu that the country had been the victim of fraud. Scotland Yard is believed to have refused Mr Sope's request to release the IOUs and documents relating to the case and is thought to have demanded a formal request from the island's

attorney-general. Mr Sope was sacked by the prime minister. Serge Vohor, on October 25 when the fax became public. Vanuatu's ombudsman, Marie-Noëlle Ferrieux Patterson. ing attempted, with his fax, to put the documents back on the market.

The two people arrested in London — a man aged 47 and a woman aged 41 — are

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found at her home. She was arrested on suspicion of theft and handling stolen goods and bailed pending further inpublishers, who alerted the

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Stampede for property pushes up prices

Homes shortage fuels panic buying

ANIC-STRICKEN ouse hunters are hurry to buy homes that are in short supply, housing experts say today.

The rush — reminiscent of

the 1980s stampede for prop-erly — has been caused by a shortage of desirable homes as owners wait for prices to go even higher before putting their houses on the market. Concern that mortgage lenders will start to lift their rates has fuelled the panic further, according to the Royal Institution of Char-

tered Surveyors. RICS' monthly housing snapshot shows that the market in October was more buoyant than in September for the first time for 14 years. The increase in prices was the 14th monthly rise in a row, the longest unbroken upwards trend since RICS

started the survey in 1978. RICS, whose members in-clude estate agents, immedi-ately tried to dampen down fears of a repeat of the 1980s runaway boom — which col-lapsed and left hundreds of thousands of households with

negative equity.
It urged buyers to bide their time until a new wave of homes comes on to the market in the new year.

The institution's housing market spokesman, Ian Perry, said: "Many potential vendors are waiting for higher prices in 1997, while would-be purchasers become increasingly frustrated by the lack of choice. There are

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reports of panic buying in some areas. This is due to a misplaced fear of missing out

on a 'property boom'."

This fear led to an unusually strong rise in prices last month. Pressure is especially strong in parts of London, the South-east and the Midlands and that is where panic buying is evident.

Andrew Spittle, a Birming-

ham-based chartered surveyor, said media hype had prompted prospective buyers to hold back a planned move. Mr Petry said that the "wait and see" attitude of potential sellers had produced a bottleneck that would eventually ease. The market did not need boosting further by the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, in the

Budget he said.
"An expected influx of properties starting in the new year will tend to temper price increases and restore a sense of proportion to the market," he said. "In the meantime, the best advice is: take the time to find the right property."
RICS said mortgage lenders

such as the Halifax and Nationwide building societies had not helped the situation by raising the cost of loans after Mr Clarke increased base rates to 6 per cent three weeks ago.

The race to beat the deadline for attractive fixed-rate mortgage offers had fuelled an already buoyant level of demand for property.

Lenders were so desperate to encourage people to buy a year ago that they offered a range of incentives such as cashbacks, but the steady rise in house prices has taken hem by surprise.

Until recently, the Halifax was predicting an annual increase of 5 per cent this year but it increased this to 7 per cent two weeks ago.

The survey shows that the market is significantly more bnoyant than it was a year ago; 44 per cent more chartered surveyors reported rises than reported no increase, compared with a negative balance of 15.8 per cent last year. Although desirable prop-

erty is gaining value and moving quickly in the North and price rises are strongest in London and the South-east. Fiona Hall almost lost out when the chain ground to a balt to the point of exchange."



Name: Fiona Hall

months

Area: Brighton, West

Properties seen: 15

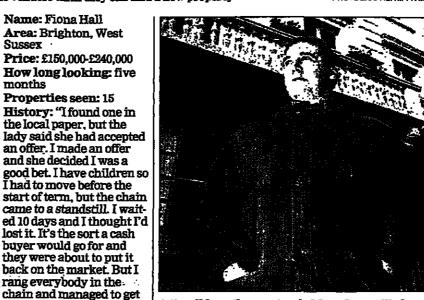
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Peter Wyles may have to let the flat he has bid for back to the vendors until they can find a new property



A tip-off from the agent ended Sam Cartmell's frustration

get somewhere." Name: Sam Cartmell Area: Camden and Isling-

ton, north London Price: £150,000 How long looking: 1 year Number of houses/flats seen: more than 50 Number of offers made: First unsuccessful

offer: "There were six others going for the property. They were asking for sealed bids within a day. We wanted more time. History: "Every time we saw something we liked it had already gone, for more than the asking

Successful offer: "We got a tip-off from the agent before the property went

'It looked spookily familiar. She suddenly realised she had seen the same house 18 months ago. The price had risen by £120,000'

Bidding wars and gazumping are back, says Clare Longrigg

the open windows, blow-ing up plastic sheeting and rattling the aluminium ladder. Uneven, pare floorboards are covered in broken people pick their way over

"It's my ideal home."
"Yes, I can just see you in

This three-storey, twobedroom house in north London is not for sale — yet. It is in the process of heing converted and will not be ready for a couple of months. But her they have got nothing on the shortage of property of their books.

HE WIND whips through this kind is so acute that pro-the open windows, blow-ing up plastic sheeting in for a preview. They are afraid that, if they wait until it goes on the market, some one else will snap it up.
'Tm registered with 11 es-

a senior executive who has sold her flat and is looking for

In desperation, she has started prowling round unfinbid in before they go on the estate agents' books.

A flurry of activity in one sector of the housing market, tate agents but they keep saying they've got nothing for me to look at," says Cathy Lewis, Institution of Chartered Surveyors calls it a "property famine". Vast numbers of people are desperately look-ing for the same thing mid-

much as 30 per cent, and the result is a return to 1980sding wars, and the dreaded

One prospective buyer. looking round a house in north London, spotted a feature that looked spookily familiar. She suddenly realised she had seen the same house 18 months previously. In the intervening months the price had risen by £120,000. Buyers have been hit by the

calling the buyer and saying, 'We've just had an offer in of a

says a London developer.

The shortage of property means buyers are desperate.
You can walk into an estate out with a bundle of details to study, you will simply be told there is nothing for you to there were no first-time buy-

Some agents do not bother to print house and flat lists at all. If anything comes in, they simply telephone the five or six buyers on their list and wait for the bids to come in. Buyers outnumber available properties and agents have started shoe-horning prospective buyers in to have a look round. Alex Jamieson,

four properties with seven other people. We set off in four cars. We got ahead of them, because we wanted to get there first and have a look. There was the usual business with the wrong keys, and then the agent said.

Two of you start in that room, two of you start in that room.' It was ridiculous, be-cause it wasn't a big flat."

for the pile-up of prospective buyers. The market used to five years or so, first-time buyers moved up to larger

flats or houses and people starting families needed big-ger places with gardens. ers. People were nervous of being left with something they could not sell and rented instead. Those who had bought found themselves landed with negative equity and could not move. The

lower end of the market froze. Six years later, with interest rates at a new low, a thaw began 29, a public relations worker, found himself caught up in a multiple marathon viewing of South-East but spread to other areas, including the South-West and the West Mid-

hopefuls. "First-time buyers are returning but they're market than before," said Paul Sanderson of Nationwide Building Society.

The kind of property they are looking for, of course, is just what everyone else wants. And whoever's got it is hanging on to it, in case the price should go up any fur-ther. "Second-time buyers are not putting their flats on the market: a lot of them still have negative equity and are waiting for the prices to rise." Mr Sanderson believes the log-jam will eventually free itself up. According to the Na-tionwide, prices have risen

nationally by 7-8 per cent in the last year, but are not exthe current rate. Price rises will force first-time buyers back down-market.
Under difficult conditions,

South-West and the West Muu-lands, where prices are be-ginning to rise again.

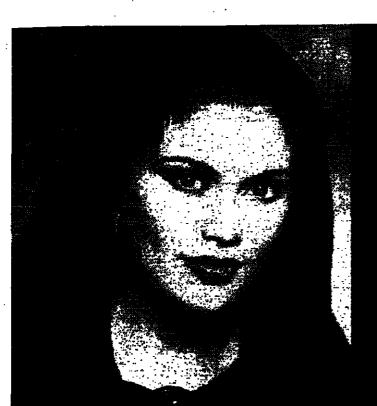
But the cycle has changed.
The indiscriminate buying
the door saying: "There's a lot
of interest in your area, we've
of a lot of properties." says

There are several reasons in longer attracting young petitors on our doorstep: we have to get an edge," says Charles Webb, owner of Camsend chocolates with our mailshot now, with a six-page letter listing 101 reasons why you should choose us."

Estate agents use For Sale and Sold boards to advertise their services, but Mr Webb does not believe all the boards are genuine sales. "I would say that 20 per cent of Sold signs are not related to any property at all. The agent puts up a sign outside a block of flats and everyone assumes it's someone else's."

Meanwhile, properties in the middle sector are moving with a chance are cash buyers and people who can move very quickly. "Estate agents wouldn't even bother with me until I had sold my flat and had a bag of gold in my pocket," says would-be buyer Cathy Lewis.

A visit to several north London estate agents on a Sat-urday morning drew a blank. "It's dire out there," said one, handing over a thin flat list. mayhem in the 1980s is a sold a lot of properties.' "says thing of the past the cramped bedsits and broom cupboards which people bought just to get on the property ladder are "We've got nine close com- of them had already gone."



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Life for farmworker in fatal attraction

Geoffrey Gibbs on obsession with stable girl that led to murder by 'lonely man who found relationships difficult'

worker who bludgeoned a stable girl to death with an iron hook because he couldn't bear to see her with another man was jailed for life yesterday after being convicted of

Stephen Webber, described in court as a lonely man who found relationships with women difficult, showed no emotion as the jury at Exeter crown court gave its unani-mous verdict after 2½ hours' deliberation. Passing sentence at the end

of the five-day trial, Mr Justice Rougier told Webber that however Jessie Hurlstone had treated him, it was no excuse or mitigation for a terrible act

"However a retiring a person you may have been nor-mally, the very fact of this ter-

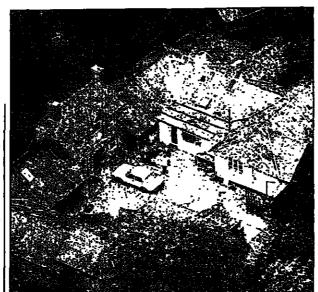
OBSESSED farm | rible killing shows there must be in you a capacity for quite horrible violence.

Ms Hurlstone, who was 27 when she died under a hail of blows to the head and body in October last year, had moved to Devon from her home in Romford, Essex, in 1991 to work at the stables of leading national hunt trainer Richard Frost on the edge of

She was devoted to horses, and lived in a caravan at the stables with her four cats and a dog.

The Frosts and their Grand

National-winning son Jimmy, found her a good worker at Hawson Stables, a secluded property set in the heavily wooded grounds of a mansion built by a Victorian Buckfastleigh.



Hawson Stables, where Jessie Hurlstone was killed

couple of years after her arrival in Devon. She was to become the object of a fatal obsession after she started seeing a divorcee in the two

Webber, who began suffering from epileptic type fits during his late teens, found close relationships with women difficult. When an af-

hospital to have his stomach pumped out after being found with an empty bottle of pills

Webber formed a strong attachment for the stable girl 10 rears his junior, running his attention to a man who around after her "like a walked past the pub several puppy dog' and showering times. It was the same person her with presents including a pony, jewellery and a pedi-

It emerged in court he had even made out a will leaving his bungalow to her upon his

Apart from one occasion when they went to bed at his bungalow half a mile from the stables it was not, according to Webber's evidence, a sexual relationship. He told the court that he

and Ms Hurlstone realised that going to bed was a mis-take. But she cut him dead in front of friends when he visited Hawson Stables, and his infatuation turned to obsession when she started seeing Buckfastleigh divorcee Jim Pearce. On two occasions he told Jimmy Frost and another

broke up he had to be taken to | she had another man. On the night of her death, she had gone with Mr Pearce to the White Hart pub Buckfastleigh.

> and during the evening drew times. It was the same person earlier that week when Ms Hurlstone had come to his house where they had had sex. She returned to Hawson Stables at around 11 pm that Friday and made the unusual request for Richard Frost to walk her to her caravan, where her body was discov-

ered eight hours later by a another stable girl. She suffered at least 30 blows to her head, arms and shoulders.
The iron hook — used for

loading silage bales on to a tractor — was recovered from a farm slurry pit. Webber's blood-stained clothing was found dumped in a hedge. Webber, who admitted killing Ms Hurlstone but said he had no memory of striking her, told police he had gone to the

up in the furore over the sado-

erotic film of his novel Crash, is on the list with Cocaine

Nights, a thriller.

Mystery of arms sales to Rwanda

Christopher Etilott and Richard Norton-Taylor

NE of the men who has allegedly acted for the British arms company that supplied £3.3 million worth of arms to former Rwandan Hutu soldiers during the mas-sacre of 800,000 Tutsis disappeared from his London home

Anoop Vidyarthi told shopkeepers next to his office at a travel company in Hendon that he was "going away for a

Mr Vidyarthi was named as someone who had set up administration facilities for the Mil-Tec Corporation. Dozens of Mil-Tec documents detailing the arms shipments. addressed to the Rwandan Ministry of Defence, were found in the last few days near a former refugee camp 18 miles east of Goma.

While ministers last night were pressed for a govern-ment statement, and the shadow foreign secretary. Robin Cook, was claiming the shipments exposed a loophole in the law, the hunt was on for the men behind the company which supplied the

weapons. There is no evidence to show that Mr Vidyarthi was involved in these arms deals. His detached home is 300 yards from his offices at the firm of Travelour. He was seen early yesterday morning

but left for a trip soon after. There was no better luck contacting the Mil-Tec Corporation. A company search on the Isle of Man shows it was set up as a shell company in February 1993 by BDO Binder in Douglas, the Isle of Man. The named director then was

ferred to another off-shore site with two new directors, John Donnelly and his father Trevor, based in the Rue du Moulin, Sark.

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Confide €

No tax is paid on Sark, and it is extremely difficult to trace the details of a company's workings.

The Donnellys' telephone number on the Island is exdirectory, and they were not available for comment last

There is nothing to suggest that Mil-Tec has done anything illegal by its arms deal. Mil-Tec made seven shipments between April 17 and July 13, 1991, using a circuitous route from either Albania or Israel to Goma in east-ern Zaire, just across the border from Rwanda.

On June 21 - 19 days before the final shipment — the British government issued an order prohibiting any involvement by UK flims in the supply of arms from a third country to Rwanda.

Customs said it would in-vestigate any evidence that British export controls had been breached, but it had "not found evidence in the past to substantiate offences in the UK".

The documents, details of which were published in the Times and on the BBC yesterthe exiled Rwandan govern-ment's "minister of defence" to pay debts totalling \$1.96 million (£1,18 million) and details arms shipments, in voices and air bills. It reads: "We have supplied your ministry for more than five years .. you will realise that we have gone out of our way to assist your ministry in times

of need. The letter and all the other documents are said to bear the same signature.

New press aide for the Queen

EOFFREY Crawford, the Australian diplo-mat who left the Princess of Wales's employ after she recorded a Panorama in-terview without telling him. was yesterday appointed

press secretary to the Queen. Mr Crawford, aged 46, will was lured from industry six years ago, and is to become corporate relations chief of

Grand Metropolitan. Mr Crawford was Mr Anson's deputy in the service of the Queen, but had been put in charge of public relations for the princess after her sep-aration. A year ago, while he was in Argentina arranging an official visit for her, he got

a call from the princess tell-ing him she had recorded a BBC interview, which went out three days later. The day after the broadcast he Mr Crawford, who has also advised the Duke and Duchess of York, Prince Edward,

Princess Margaret and Princess Alexandria, joined the Buckingham Palace press office from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in June 1988.

Such was his popularity that he was promoted to dep-

press secretary in 1993 and made a full member of the royal household. He and his wife and three children live in St James's Palace.

Yesterday's announcement Charles Anson's star was

thought to be setting in 1992 after his off-the-record comment that the Duchess of York was "unsuitable for royal and public life" was reported by a BBC journalist. Labelled "the hatchet man" by one tabloid, he was forced to make a public apology to the Queen and the duchess.

But Mr Anson has carried on for four more years, longer than any previous holder of the post.

He came to the Queen's notice in 1981 when he was head of information at the British Embassy in Washington and organised her trip to President Reagan's California ranch. In 1987, after a spell in London, he became head of corporate relations for Klein-

wort Benson. Mr Anson, aged 52, was thought to have taken a sub-stantial pay cut to become the Queen's press secretary, which carries a salary of about £40,000 a year, and always said he intended to

by red tape, poll shows in book prize shortlist

Clare Dyer Legal Correspondent

EMORALISED Crown lawyers believe man-agement changes and too much bureaucracy are threatening the standards of the service, according to a poll pub-

lished yesterday.

The survey, carried out by
MORI for the First Division Association, the senior civil servants union, paints a pic-ture of widespread job

dissatisfaction.

The service has been plagued by low morale. CPS lawyers in the union passed a resolution earlier this year expressing "loss of confi-dence" in their management. Nine out of 10 respondents to quality service.

The MORI survey said the serThe MORI poll of 1,347 FDA

When Justice takes a walk,

David Ward

campaign on an

problems, or so

SSUES! What issues? As the Isle of Man's 52,000 vot-

ers prepare to go to the polls on Thursday, the chief minister considers what he

has been hearing on the door-

steps.
"I have never experienced

an election such as this where

people have raised so few issues," he says in his tidy

office on the third floor of

Covernment Buildings in Douglas.
Miles Walker is retiring

after 10 years in the top job, but hopes to stay on as one of

the 24 members of the House of Keys, the lower house of

Tynwald, the world's oldest

parliament.

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its ministers

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election

joined, and 70 per cent said it | wide communication gap bewas a below average or "one tween lawyers and manage-of the worst" places to work. MORI said these were the worst scores it had found in either the public or private sector in Britain.

Three out of four said a recent management shake-up by the Director of Public Prosecutions, Barbara Mills, had reduced professionalism and the quality of service. Elizabeth Symons, the FDA's general secretary, said:

"This survey raises serious doubts about both the culture and organisation of the CPS." The results mirror an un-

published survey of all 6,571 CPS staff undertaken by Mrs Mills, which found nearly 60 sation was not giving a high

who wants a job can have one," he says proudly.

Gelling, finance minister and Mr Walker's favoured succes

serve a deeply conservative island's values, way of life and economic stability.

Both ministers imply that

the consensus which under-

pins a parliamentary system

with no political parties has spread to an electorate at ease with itself.

Workers' Union, hits the roof.

'Miles Walker is so calm and

The absence of issues was a

society that did not exist be-

He has steered the island the government has imported flawed employment legislation from the UK. There is a solid body of people out there good job. The absence of living hand to mouth in a lissues is not a sign of apathy society that's awash with ling prefer to talk of auton-

Across the road, Bernard parish parish f Moffatt, district secretary of beat an the Transport and General streets.

fore. Working people are treated deplorably here, and the idea because they are na-

Two floors down, Donald

Clare Longrigg ment. One per cent said they were kept fully informed by headquarters. More than 40

per cent "seldom or never" believed information from headquarters.
Nine out of 10 felt that disagreeing with management could damage their career prospects. Nearly seven out of 10 were dissatisfied with their

jobs and 53 per cent wanted to Toeing the line, being secre-tive and using intimidation were seen as ways of getting sheed in the CPS

Mrs Mills said: "The FDA survey represents only 12 per cent of staff. These issues will per cent believed the organi-sation was not giving a high up our plans for the future."

Bainbridge vs Swiit again

BERYL Bainbridge has been shortlisted for the Whitbread novel award in a literary rematch against the novelist who beat her to this ways Posker wise.

this year's Booker prize.

Ms Bainbridge's novel. Every Man for Himself, set aboard the Titanic, has once again been drawn against the Booker winner, Graham Swift's Last Orders.

She won the Whitbread award in 1977 with Injury Time, but has had four unsuccessful Booker nominations. Bill Buford, New Yorker literary editor, tipped Patrick McGrath's Asylum as "the dark horse" for the Whit-bread novel award.

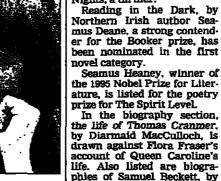
Neil Bartlett has been shortlisted for his second J G Ballard, recently swept

Transport union leader takes issue with Isle of Man chiefs over poll



Beryl Bainbridge . . . another chance for Titanic tale

about a man's attempt to link two events 100 years apart.



drawn against Flora Fraser's account of Queen Caroline's life. Also listed are biogra-phies of Samuel Beckett, by James Knowlson, and George Eliot, by Rosemary Ashton. The winners of the four categories compete for the Whit-bread £21,000 Book of the Year

Island facts

☐ Tynwald consists of the Iouse of Keys and the Legislative Council, a non-elected revising chamber. ☐ All 24 seats in the Hous of Keys are contested on the third Thursday in Novem-

ber every five years.

□ Elections used to last for a week; in more recent times voting was spread over two days because of a shortage of ballot boxes.

Some Manx constituencies, called sheadings, return three members to

the House of Keys. Others return one or two. ☐ Most MHKs (members of the House of Keys) sit as independents. There is no government and

opposition.

The Isle of Man Labour Party is more than 100 years old but has no links with its British

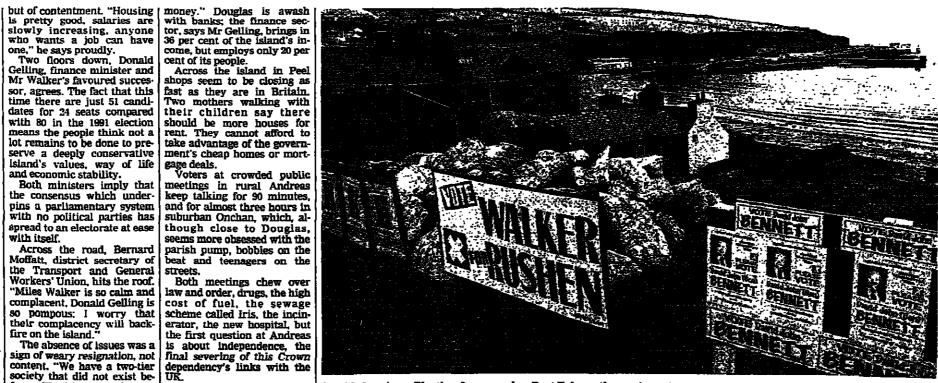
counterpart.

The basic rate of income tax is 15 per cent, rising to

20 per cent. □ Douglas boast a Marks & Spencer store and statues of Norman Wisdom (sitting on a bench) and George

An Isle of Man manufacturer supplies 70 per cent of the world's demand for

Formby (leaning on a lamp



Seaside hustings: Election fever reaches Port Erin on the west coast.

omy. "I don't think we are again. "They are political take the final step to constitutionally or economic cowards who like the trapings of an independent legisindependence," says the chief minister.

Mr Moffatt bits the roof they haven't got the guts to take the final step to independence."

Mr Moffatt dismisses the Alternative Policy Group, a contents. "If Edgar Quine [its ternative Policy Group, a contents independence will apply for visas to live in Hong dents in the House of Keys, as Kong."

Stuart Millar on a soccer injury's consequences

£250,000 claim by footballer

County footballer lost everything when his dream career was ended by a "reckless" tackle. the High Court heard

Brian McCord, aged 28, Is-suing Swansea City and its then club captain, John Corn-forth, for damages approach-ing £250,000 for pain and in-

ing \$250,000 for pain and injury and loss of income.

The court heard the midfield player was left with "horrific" injuries to his right leg after the tackle 20 minutes into a match on March 5, 1993, as he prepared to clear a ball from his own goal area. The less was free. goal area. The leg was frac-tured in two places. The tackle was not treated as a

foul by the referee.

Mr McCord told Mr Justice
Kennedy the ball had been on the ground and he had entered into the challenge as-suming it would be a simple block tackle when two players arrive at the same time: "My sole intention was to play the ball ... I never took my eye off the ball. I saw Mr Cornforth approach me, and as I made contact with the ball his leg was raised above the ball, and the next thing I knew I looked down and saw a grossly deformed right leg." He added: "I can't really de-

scribe the pain. I have never been through anything like it He had wanted to be a pro-fessional footballer ever since he could remember, but since

the incident had been unable to return to the game. "My career meant everything to me. It was the only thing I have ever wanted to do. I don't think there has been a day when I don't think about | after a penalty shoot-out.

FORMER Stockport | the game and I miss it | County footballer lost | tremendously."

At the age of 15, he left school to sign as an apprentice with Derby County. He signed professionally with the club and made his first team appearance a year later.
After three years he transferred to Barnsley for £100,000 before signing for Stockport in 1992.

Stockport in 1992.

He realised his career was over and he was now studying for a degree in physiotherapy at Salford university.

Mr McCord's counsel, Jonathan Crystal, told the judge that Mr Cornforth had made the tackle "with studs showing" while the ball was on the ground. "The contact was extremely violent and contrary tremely violent and contrary to the rules of the game, and therefore in football terms

illegal."
The court was shown a video of the incident which was repeated several times in

Bob Gould, manager of the Welsh national team, who watched the match from the director's box, described the challenge as a "late and dan-gerous tackle" which had not been timed properly.

Mr Cornforth and Swansea

ing continues. A police officer accused of hitting Watford footballer Kevin Phillips with a trun-cheon as he celebrated his team's Coca-Cola Cup win against Bournemouth was yesterday cleared of assault at Wimborne magistrates court in Dorset. Sergeant John Green was also acquitted of assaulting Watford fan Ellis David, aged 19, when he took part in a pitch invasion



Brian McCord is stretchered off after the 1993 incident at Swansea which led to the current hearing protograph warking in

Precedents for tackling your opponent in court



Set legal precedent in Scotland in 1982 when he sued John Pelosi of St Johnstone after suffering compound fracture. Verdict: Settled out of court for £20,000. lan Durrant (Rangers) Sued Neil Simpson of

Aberdeen for £2 million for tackle which tore ligaments in his right knee in 1988, forcing him out of game for three years. Verdict: Settled out of court for undisclosed sum. **John Uzzeli** (Torquay) Sued Gary Blissett of

Brentford for damages after

aerial collision in 1991 left

and forced him to retire. Verdict: Blissett found not guilty of causing GBH. Later settled out of court. Paul Elliott (Chelsea) Sued Dean Saunders of Liverpool for damages in excess of £1 million after being forced out of game by challenge in 1992. Verdict: Lost his case John O'Neill (Norwich) Sued John Fashanu, then of Wimbledon, for £300,000 damages for negligence and assault arising out of challenge in 1987. Verdict: Settled out of court

for £70,000 in 1994.

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John Uzzell: won an out of

Confidential police files dumped

Peter Hetherington . . .

ess aid

Queen

ORTHUMBRIA police yesterday launched an inquiry to determine how hundreds of its files detailing information about suspects and witnesses in scores of crimes during the 1980s were found dumped on a lane in Newcastle upon Tyne.

constable of the force, told the | for her murder and those of | to take revenge on a person head of his complaints div | two other young girls. | who had given a statement ision to investigate security as a local MP called for an

Some of the files contained details of the investigation many investigations. into the murder the Northumberland schoolgirl Susan documents, near a working Maxwell who disappeared from her home in Cornhill-on- area of the city, discovered n Newcastle upon Tyne. | Tweed 14 years ago. Robert | his own juvenile criminal re-David Mellish, acting chief | Black was eventually jailed | cords. "If a criminal decided | danger.

Others contain criminal re-cords of people in the north-west of Newcastle, as well as witness statements relating to

The man who found the

about them, they'd know ex-actly where to go," he said. "I am amazed that the addresses of witnesses could end up lying by the road like this." Newcastle North MP Doug Henderson, a shadow Home Office minister, said that

Jurors' request for dictionary leaves libel judge lost for words

Luke Harding

N THE neo-Gothic splendour of Court 13, Mr Jus-tice French professed himself rather baffled. "It is a situation which in my experience is entirely new."

Six weeks after a jury as sworn in to decide whether the former Irish prime minister Albert for a dictionary to help Reynolds had been libelled them tell the difference beby the Sunday Times, and four days after the jurors were sent out to consider their verdict, the foreman returned with a request for

a dictionary.
The demand was the latest twist in the court battle hit by "the curse of Court 13." Albert Reynolds sued the paper over an article in November 1994 which accused him of lying to the Dail, the Irish parliament, and misleading his coali-

tion cabinet colleagues. The case was listed for five weeks at the High Court. But a juror fell ill, and the mother of another was struck down with gallstones. Proceedings were delayed for another two days. The remaining jurors were sent out to consider tween a "fib" and a "lie". Mr Justice French

meaning of the words are a matter for you. Both words are contained in the article and must be read in that But the jurors still failed to agree and were sent out to spend a fifth night in a

refused their request. "The

News in brief

RUC foils suspected **IRA** bomb attack

POLICE in Londonderry said yesterday they believed they foiled an IRA bomb attack planned for the Springtown-Groarty Road area north west of the city, a mile from the border with Donegal. RUC inspector Norman Hamill said detonating equipment was found after "suspicious activity" in the area at the weekend. He said it had "all the hallmarks of a landmine

attack".

The most likely target would have been a police or army patrol, Mr Hamill said. Two men were arrested early yesterday and were being questioned in connection with ternorist activity in the area. The find came a few hours after the SDLP leader and MP for Foyle, John Hume, said he hoped there would be another IRA ceasefire but that he had no evidence that one was imminent.

Danid Sharreck mminent. — David Sharrock

Patients 'hate' mixed wards

A FORMER health official responsible for defending the use of mixed-sex hospital wards yesterday admitted that patients hated them. John Shaw, until this year director of corporate affairs for them. John Snaw, until this year director of corporate allairs for the NHS executive, said the Department of Health was starting to buckle under mounting pressure to phase out mixed-sex wards. He was speaking at the relaunch of the Patients' Association, a health pressure group, which is calling for all ordinary hospital wards to be single sex by the end of October 1998. The only exception would be intensive therapy units. — David Brindle

Viscount Weymouth

A REPORT supplied by the Press Association and published in the Guardian on November 15 under the headline "Grief blamed by viscount for drink driving" wrongly stated that in court Viscount Weymouth was "said to be unemployed and living on

£46 per week benefit".

The court was not told that he was unemployed or claiming benefit but that he has a private income and was not working. The Press Association and the Guardian apologise for this error

£77,446 for discrimination

A PROTESTANT was awarded record compensation of £77,446 yesterday after an employment tribunal ruled he was a victim of religious and political discrimination. The complainant, whose name was withheld, had been a senior executive with 25 years' service with the dairy manufacturer Leckpatrick when it was taken over by Golden Vale - based in Cork in the Irish Republic

His application for another post was not acknowledged, and he saw other Protestant managers removed. Shortly before Northern Ireland's Fair Employment Tribunal was to hear his case, the company admitted he had suffered religious and political discrimination. — David Sharrock

Call for openness on CJD

THE brother of a man who died from CJD — the human disease linked to mad cow disease — yesterday joined doctors and public health officials in condemning secrecy surrounding the Government's handling of the controversy. Gerard Callaghan, whose 30-year-old brother Maurice died in Belfast last year, called on ministers to publish the advice they received from the Spongi-

form Encephalopathy Advisory Committee (Seac).

"This advice has formed the basis for policy deliberations. We should be able to see the conclusions that the committee drew, and the evidence on which these were based," he told a conference, BSE: A Sickness of Government? sponsored by Charter 88 and the Freedom of Information Campaign. — Richard Norton-Taylor

Landscape to be restored

PART of an English millionaire's fortune is to be ploughed into restoring a Highland landscape immortalised by the Victorian artist Sir Edwin Landseer. The Will Woodlands trust yesterday unveiled a plan to return a quarter of its 42,000 acres to the romantic woodland that thrilled 19th century art

The trust was established in 1994 by the Essex-based widow of a sand and gravel pit owner who sold up in 1990 for £114 million. The project will take 100 years to complete. — Erlend Clouston

Second award for journalist

DAVID Brindle of the Guardian was Journalist of the Year runner up in the first British Social Services media awards announced vesterday

His reports in the Guardian were described as balanced, concise, clear and hard-hitting. This was his second award this year having already won the Mind Mental Health Journalist of the

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Keith Phillips has a problem. As the chairman of the 90 magistrates who serve the valleys of South Wales, he struggles to support the rule of law among communities ravaged by the death of the coal industry. Time after time he is forced to stand back while alleged offenders walk free from his court

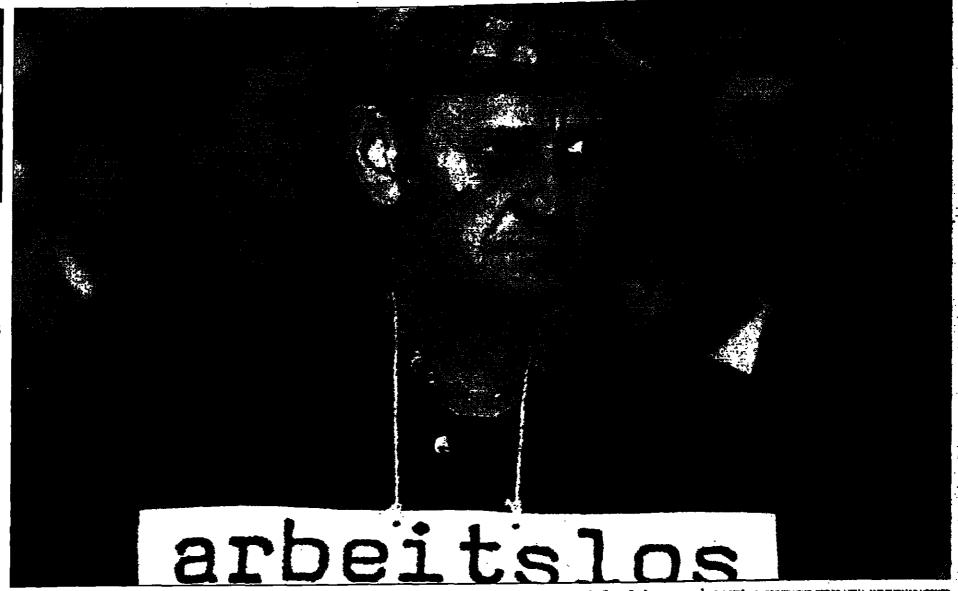


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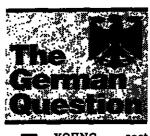


Berlin is broke. From the shipyards of the Baltic coast to the industrial wastelands of the south-east, eastern German growth is lagging. Alienation festers between the 'interlopers and carpetbaggers' of the west and the 'whingers' in the east. Seven years after the Wall fell, the euphoria which greeted Helmut Kohl's pan-German script has evaporated — and harsh economic reality is biting

In the second of a series on Germany, Ian Traynor in Bonn examines how the high hopes of unification foundered



One people divided by a false dawn



the balcony of her flat by the banks of the Rhine and peers across the river to the high-rise temple of German

She bows mockingly towards the offices of the coun-Thank you. Helmut Kohl." She was once an avid east. She has successfully the first time next year. made the move west and has a modest flat in Boun, a decent

company.

East Germans see themselves as losers in the lottery of unification; she is one of the few winners. For most of the other 17 mil-

lion in the five east German states, the euphoria of the turn of the decade which filled the skies over Berlin and Leipzig with cries of "We

 and after a colossal 1,000 billion marks have its eastern and western sec-been pumped into the east — tions all-pervasive. mmunist, a party youth its economic growth will be From the rusting shipyards | the government.

"The transfers have not been

able to put the east German salary and a job with a media | economy on a self-sustaining growth path," says Thomas Mayer, chief economist at "They've been used mainly to fund consumption and to kick-

ERLIN itself is broke. Stripped of the subsidies that are one people, one country" kept it going as the showcase window What was being billed a few on the West through the cold years ago as the east German | war, the city staggers from success story has turned sour. one budget crisis to the next, Seven years after the Berlin wall fell — and after a colosbut with alienation between

activist, in Cottbus in the | lower than western levels for | of the Baltic coast to the industrial wastelands of the south-east, the picture is grim. And people are gloomy. Franz Schuster, economics minister of the eastern state of Thuringia, verges on panic as he describes the crises and problems piling on his desk.
"The economic recovery

has stopped here," he says. "We're stuck in a downward spiral that means 25 per cent of our firms could be threatened with closure over the next year. And you have to isk: how long will people continue to accept the need for renewal and reform?"

Real, as opposed to official, unemployment means that one in four east Germans will be out of work next year, according to last week's report by a panel of economic advisers to

were supposed to be. The pan-German script penned by Chancellor Kohl in 1990 infaself an east German.

years, suggesting that a few years of hard graft would seamlessly knit the two parts of the country together.

The subsidies and investment would trigger an east German boom which in turn

mously looked forward to

"flourishing landscapes" in

east Germany within five

would feed into west German growth. Instead, politicians and analysts now admit it will take at least a generation - perhaps 70 years - for standards of living to become

level. If they ever do.
"You can no longer speak of
an economic equalisation, but of a widening discrepancy darity surcharge". Increas-between east and west," says Wolfgang Thierse, deputy For their part, east Ger-

chairman of the opposition mans hate being patronised Social Democrats, and him by the westerners, whom they

This is not just the opposi-tion berating Mr Kohl. The chancellor's conservative supporters at the influential Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung talked witheringly this month of Germany's economic unification being the most expensive disaster

CANWHILE, west Germans increasingly resent paying a 7.5 per cent tax surcharge to fund the east, and view easterners as ies. The tax is called the "soli-

view as interiopers and carpetbaggers who have hijacked their country and culture.

Politically and diplomatically, German unification was an undiluted triumph for Mr Kohl. He secured George Bush's unstinting support, paid off Mikhail Gorbachev, brushed off Margaret Thatcher's hostility and François Mitterrand's reservations, and ignored Polish and Dutch objections.

But however formidable his talents as a politician, Mr Kohl's strong suit is not economics. His one-to-one fusion of the two German currencies in 1990, over the heads of Bundesbank opposition, was a political imperative and a huge economic liability. Six years on, the result is that eastern Germany is prob ably the most expensive mat-ufacturing venue in the world, lagging well behind its post-communist Polish and Czech neighbours in growth and optimism. "West German unit labour

costs siready top the league

table of industrialised countries and in the east the unit labour costs are 30-50 points higher because of the productivity gap," says Mr Mayer. "That meens nobody invests in the east to make profits, but to get subsidies." On her Bonn balcony, the former eastern communist looks west as she takes in her view of the Bundestag, She Cottbus any time soon.

Tactical voting contains National Front

Paul Webster

reports from Paris on how Le Pen was prevented from taking Dreux

GIGNS THAT the tide | party has made Dreux, a | may at last be turning against the racist confirmed in municipal

elections at Dreux, the uty leader, Jean-Pierre town that signalled the Stirbois, won 16 per cent of first electoral break-through by the extremist elections. He formed an almovement 13 years ago. Jean-Marie Le Pen's

Continuing crisis in Central Africa The return of refugees from Zaire is one of the greatest movements of people the

world has ever seen. Oxfam is providing water for the hundreds of thousands on the road home. An uncertain future awaits them. Worse news is that hundreds of thousands of Zaireans and Rwandans are still

unaccounted for in Zaire. They are without clean water and at risk from disease. Cholera has already claimed lives. The situation changes by the hour, but Oxfam

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market town west of Paris, twinned with Evesham, the spearhead of its racist crusade since its former depliance with the Gaullist RPR to oust the Socialists and was appointed assistant mayor.
In 1981, the National

Front's average vote in parliamentary elections was only 0.35 per cent but the Socialist president, Fran-cois Mitterrand, ordered state television to give Mr Le Pen air time as part of a strategy to weaken the tra-ditional right. The presi-dent then introduced PR for parliamentary voting enabling the Front to win 35 seats, all but one of which it lost when the Gaullists changed voting

rules in 1988.

Although Mr Stirbois's widow, Marie-France Stirbois, the Front's only MP between 1988 and 1993, scored a record 86.4 per cent of Sunday's first round vote at Dreux, after a cam-paign in which Mr Le Pen-played a leading part, Gaullists and Socialists also saw a big leap in

Maurice Ravenne, who scored 24.6 per cent, will stand down for next Sunday's second round after running third to his Gauliist rival, Gerard Hamel (34.7 per cent), the outgoing mayor forced to resign earlier this year for technical reasons. Mr Ravenne has asked Socialists and Communists to vote for Mr Hamel in the run-off after a

'Dreux will not become France's fourth town of shame'

when making decisions. "For the past ten years, the National Front has progressed and now we have gressed and how we have finally contained their ad-vance," Mr Hamel said, pointing out that Mrs Stir-bois, who had expected a 50 per cent poll, had rallied only an extra 80 voters compared to her 1994 score "Dreux will not become France's fourth town of shame," he said, referring to the National Front's vic-

The Socialist candidate, and Marignane in the 1994 municipal polling.

The National Front was hoping to recover from a recent setback in a parlia-mentary byelection in the

Marseilles suburb of Gardanne, where a Communist was elected after support from rightwing candidates defeated in the first round. This showed a new readiness by orthodox move-ments to call for votes across party lines for any candidate in a position to beat the Front.

But the movement's fail-ure at Dreux, where the Front has exploited hostility to immigrants since the early 1980s, has left the party with an electoral dilemma even in areas where Mr Le Pen's message has an appeal.

Dreux, a town of 36,000 with an immigrant population of about 20 per cent, was one of the first municigans alleging that immi-grants were responsible for unemployment, drugs and crime. However, even though the local economy has stagnated under Gauliist management, nearly two-thirds of voters rejected Mrs Stirbois, the

Police past of judge who banned rappers

banned a rap group for insulting the police has a identified as a former group from the immigrant insulting the police has been identified as a former member of the special branch, writes Paul Webster.

Judge Claude Boulanger started a national row when he sent the singers Kool Shen and Joey Start of Nique Ta Mère (Fuck Your Mother) to jail and banned them from singing for six months.

Human rights groups, entertainers and leftwing politicians will march in protest on
Saturday, although the singers are still free and can be expected to win an appeal. The Gaullist justice minister, Jacques Toubon, said the sentence of six months jail, with three months suspended, was

too severe.

EHE Toulon judge who | National Front stronghold, | senior army officers, an exsuburbs of Paris which openly attacks the racist movement and its allies.

Before he was made a judge in 1986, Mr Boulanger, aged 45, was a member of the Renseignements Généraux, the special branch whose tasks include keeping watch on im-migrant communities. He was sent first to Montreull in the Pas-de-Calais where other udges complained of his intolerance. He personally brought charges against tenants of flats near the Palais de Justice who hung washing on their balconies, and he chased motorists in his car for al-

leged traffic offences. But Mr Boulanger's action has brought to light a strange judiciary team at Toulon, a lon, where he joined former

Marsettles prison governor and a retired senior tax inspector in handing out eccen-

One fellow judge, who de-clined to be named, said Mr Boulanger specialised in handing out humiliating sen-tences to traumatise the accused, "No one asked him to ban the singers," the col-league said. "He has never forgotten that he was a policeman. He should never have been allowed to judge a case in which the rappers were accused of verbal outrage against the police."

The sentence has sent the group's record sales soaring and their case has been compared to the persecution of entertainers such as Georges Brassens, Serge Gainsbourg and Boris Vian, whose songs

Euphoria in streets as Romania 'breaks free' rest, was born in the city of Tighina, in what is now the ■ENS of thousands of

Nick Thorpe in Bucharest

mostly young people streamed into the centre of Bucharest early yesterday morning to celebrate the victory of opposition candidate Emil Constantinescu in Romania's presidential elections. Chanting "Emil", "Vic-

tory" and anti-communist slo-gans from the revolution seven years ago, University Square became a sea of emotion on a scale not seen since.
"This means change, a major change for Romania, especially for young people," said Camelia, a student. Asked what she wanted from

the new president, she replied simply "justice".

Opponents of the outgoing president, Ion Illescu, accuse him of sweeping the crimes of the communist years — and of those who killed more than 1,000 people during the revo-lution — under a carpet of

pro-Western slogans.
"We are very happy," said another student, Lilians.
"This is the first time since the revolution that we have a free government." The scenes were repeated

in towns across the country. Flag-waving crowds flocked to squares where martyrs of the revolution had fallen, and car homs trumpeted deep

Constantinescu savours his victory yesterday

Bureau put Mr Constanti-nescu comfortably ahead with 55 per cent to Mr Illescu's 45 per cent.

Traditionally popular in the capital and in mountain-

Mr Constantinescu, a 56-

Republic of Moldova. He grew up in a poor district of the Carpathian mountains, famous for its armed resistance to the communists after the second world war. During the final televised debate with Mr Illescu last week, Mr Constantinescu, who presented himself as "a simple, church-going Chris-tian", recited a prayer instead of summing up his appeal.
Such gestures have helped establish him as a man of the

counted, the Central Electoral

ous Transylvania, he was helped to victory by a remark-able swing in his favour in rural regions, heavily collectivised under communism, and among Orthodox Christians in the conservative eastern provinces.

ar norms trumpeted deep mr Constantinescu, a 56- in his victory speech, he with 80 per cent of the votes at the University of Bucha- reforms ahead.

people, in contrast to the wooden, dull language of for-

mer communist apparatchiks like Mr Iliescu. Western leaders were quick to greet Mr Constantinescu's success. President Chirac of France and Chancellor Kohl of Germany sent their congratulations long before offi-cial results were announced.

Such west European sup-port will be crucial to Romania if the new president— and the recently elected gov-ernment led by his Democratic Convention party — is to fulfil its election promises. These include: fa tisation; stabilising the Romanian currency, the lei; combating the corruption which plagued the last years of Mr

Romania to catch up with its former Warsaw bloc allies.

Gibraltar demands veto

ian Black Diplomatic Editor

→ IBRALTAR is demanding a veto over any de-cisions made in the deadlocked Anglo-Spanish talks on the future of the colony, its chief minister said

Peter Caranna, who is more conciliatory than his prede-cessor, Joe Bossano, has told the Foreign Secretary, Mal-colm Rifkind, that Gibraltar now wants equal status in now wants equal status in any British negotiating team.

"It means a veto. I don't interest the word but that's what we mean. Agreement means agreement between three, not like the word but that's what we mean. Agreement means agreement between three, not like the tobacco smuggling able that mand our trade-off for its deathat in western civilised reasons agreement between three, not like the tobacco smuggling able that mand our trade-off for its deathat in western auna said.

two," he said. Talks broke tilla of speedboats driven by down in London in September | men with balaclavas and after Spain refused to accept the British formula of "two flags, three voices" because it implied an active role for Gibraltar. Mr Caranua said he was

now hoping Britain would agree to formalise a Gibraltarian role in the Brussels process, the inconclusive yearly talks between ministers that began in 1984. Mr Caraunua is in London advertising a Gibraltar which has cleaned up its act by stop-

men with balaclavas and blackened faces is anathema to us," he said. He also strongly rejects Spanish allegations that the

Rock has become a centre for offshore money-laundering. Mr Carauna's interest in reviving the Brussels process may hold out the prospect of improved relations with Madrid. But he is not about to fold up the flag and solve one

territorial disputes. We think it is inconceivable that Spain should de-mand our sovereignty as the trade-off for having decent civilised relations," Mr Car-

of the world's longest-running

Carried Harris

dapying to

Swiss » spurn Zaire leader

Agencies in Bern

WITZERLAND has witzerland has turned down a request from Zaire's president, Mobutu Sese Seko, now in France, to return for a medical check-up, the foreign ministry said yesterday.

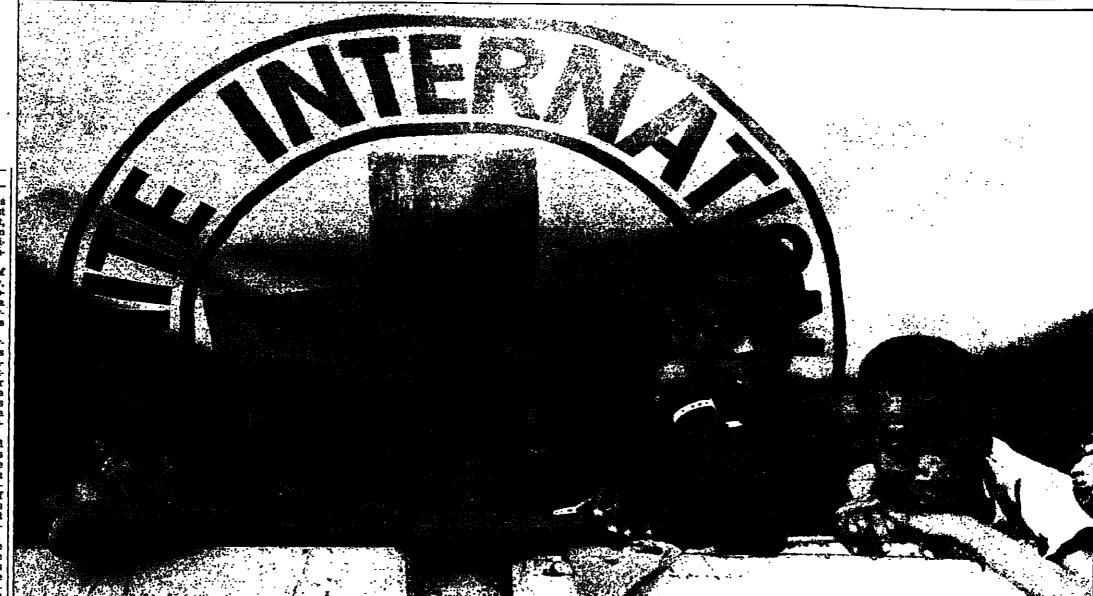
"From the point of view of the Carifa facility and provident for the point of the carifa facility said yesterday."

the Swiss foreign ministry, with the departure of Mr Mobutu, the medical reason for a new visa does not exist any-more," said spokesman Hans Reudi Bortis. Mr Mobutu, aged 66, under

went more than two months of treatment for prostate cancer in Lausanne. He left Switzerland on November 4 for the French Riviera, where he has a villa. Swiss officials said Mr Mobutu applied for a new visa to return to Switzer. new visa to return to Switzerland on Friday. Swiss authorities extended

Mr Mobutu's visa three times so that he could continue treatment as an outpatient in the Lausanne University Hos-pital while he lived in one of Switzerland's most luxurious hotels. The Swiss government came under increasing criticism for allowing him to stay.

Diplomats have said he went to France because he would have fewer restrictions and could take control of the situation in Zaire. His absence from Zaire has raised fears that his vast country



Children separated from their parents in the exodus of refugees from Zaire look out from a Red Cross truck taking them to the city of Byumba. The Red Cross knows of 3,000 such

Nigeria refuses Commonwealth visas **News in brief**

GERIA'S military regime has again cocked a smook at the Commonwealth. . bers of a top-level delegation investigating human rights Ken Saro-Wiwa.

Britain's overseas aid minister, Lynda Chalker, joined the delegation of ministers mission of the Commonand officials yesterday on a three-day fact-finding mis-Group (CMAG).

sion, which the Nigerians | Diplomats said it was still | fellow minority Ogoni activ- | been widely criticised for its | posed the sanctions, was unhave done everything to | unclear whether Nigeria | ists were hanged, despite nu- | toothless approach, but its | happy at being obliged to toe | would allow ministers access | merous appeals for clemency. | need to make decisions by | the line.

But the Canadian secretary of state for Latin America and Africa, Christine Stewart, decided not to go after Nigeria refused visas to two security. refusing visas to some members of a top-level delegation.

The Canadian government has long been unhappy with abuses after the execution of what it calls the "appease-

ment" of Nigeria, and may have exploited the visa situation to distance itself from the

to jailed opposition figures such as Moshood Abiola, the presumed winner of the annulled 1993 presidential elections, and the former president Olusegun Obasanjo. Lady Chalker was making independent arrangements

dissidents. from the Commonwealth at last year's Auckland summit after Mr Saro-Wiwa and eight

through the British High

Commission to meet

Limited sanctions imposed by the Commonwealth, the Euro pean Union and the United States have had little effect.

"The Nigerians are pretty firm that all they want to talk about is what they consider Nigeria's illegal and quite un-justified suspension from the Commonwealth," said one issidents. official. "They want the sus-Nigeria was suspended pension lifted before any meaningful dialogue on de-mocracy can be discussed." The Commonwealth has which had unilaterally im-

consensus has been paralysing in the face of sympathy for Nigeria from fellow African members. The mission's chairman is the Zimbabwean foreign minister. Stan

The Commonwealth decided in September not to im-pose a set of agreed sanctions on Nigeria and instead to keep the dialogue going by sending the mission. But it was clear then that Canada,

Nigerian opposition groups and their supporters in Britain want the mission to insist on a tough line. "We call on the CMAG to demand, as a condition for their visit, the immediate and unconditional release of all political de-tainees in Nigeria," said the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights. "Unless this is done, we will have no option other than to accuse them of complicity with the Nigerian

ment's virtual one-party dictatorship," the independent Financial Gazette newspaper

Trial jeopardises Bonn's ties with Iran

RELATIONS between Iran and Germany, the Western country most friendly towards the Islamic republic, are on a knife-edge as the verdicts are awaited in a Berlin terror trial. An Iranian, alleged to be an assassin working for the govern-ment, and four Lebanese face murder charges in connection with the killing of three Kurds in 1992. If they are found guilty, it would be the first time a German

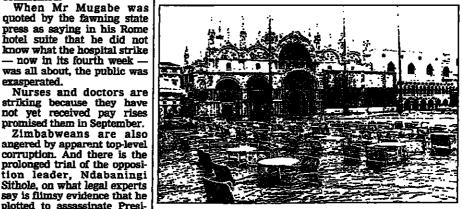
court effectively delivered a verdict of "state terrorism" against Iran. - Ian Traynor, Bonn.

Candidacy rumours scotched

TOKYO SEXWALE, the premier of the Gauteng region of South Africa, yesterday scotched rumours that he would rum for the country's presidency in 1999.

There has been widespread speculation over who might chale Thabo Mbeki for the position in the days since N Mandela told leaders of the African National Congress that the

deputy president was not his automatic heir apparent. Mr Sexwale said he wanted to put an end to the rumours. "For the year 1999 I am not available for the position of president or deputy president," he said. "I say so not as a favour to anyone but for [the ANC] and its unity." — Ruaridh Nicoll, Johannesburg.



Customers are nowhere to be seen at this open-air bar as floodwaters lap through St Mark's Square yesterday morning after Venice was hit by heavy rain and winds

needs clean-up

Tourists have spoilt | Mt Fuji for pilgrims, **Jonathan Watts** reports from Tokyo

ets as

s free

OUNT Fuji has be-come so polluted by the hordes of people who ascend its slopes each summer that this symbol of Japan is in danger of becom-ing a source of national

From a distance the mountain, 12,388ft high and sculpted by centuries of volca-nic activity into an almost perfectly symmetrical shape, is as serene as ever. Close up, the slopes are cluttered with litter and fouled by human waste. The problem has be-come so bad that the authorities are thinking of restricting entry or levying charges

For hundreds of years Mt Fuji was worshipped as a sacred mountain. During the

Now most of the 30,000 people who trek to the summit during the two-month summer climbing season do so for the panoramic view, which includes Tokyo's urban sprawl. At sunrise the rim of the caldera of the dormant where they discard their rubrim of the caldera of the dor-mant volcano is full of cou-ples holding hands and tour-lists snapping away.

been to thetet. Nowadays-people don't seem to care where they discard their rub-bish. To clean up Mt Fuji we have to clean up Japan."

On the summit stands a canned drinks vending

Each week climbers leave behind 330lb of litter. Worse, every morning before dawn, the contents of toilets situated at numerous resting stations are flushed directly on to the mountainside.

climbers can get halfway up by car. On the lower slopes plants and trees are being ruined by car exhausts, while in the lakes around Mt Fuji the water quality has deterio-rated because the sewerage system is unable to cope with the vast numbers of tourists. "People are now more

aware of the danger that if we leave things as they are, the mountain will be spoiled," said a spokesman for the Yamanashi prefecture govern-ment, which with neighbour-ing Shizuoka has set up a working group to consider ways to protect Mt Fuji's environment. Tsuneo Shigehiro, a Japa-

nese climber, proposed sacred modification. During the Edo period (1600-1867) pilliprims had to undergo mental and physical purification before embarking on the long climb to the peak.

Now most of the 300,000 feet. A spokesman pointed to a degrar cause of the problem.

CIA 'mole' faces charges of spying for Russians

Martin Walker

Agency acknowledged the discovery of a second Russian mole in its ranks yesterday, when a senior officer in its training division was brought before a court in Virginia on charges of conspiracy to com-

mit espionage.

Arrested on Saturday at Dulles airport Harold Nicholson, aged 45, was not believed to be fleeing arrest. He had been re-assigned to the antiterrorist division, in an at-

A specialist in training CIA penetration agents for Russia and eastern Europe, Mr Nich-olson was in a position to expose CIA networks throughout the former Soviet Union.

The affidavit presented by the US attorney's office in court in Alexandria yesterday said that the espionage had been under way for at least two years, but possibly much

longer.
The new arrest explodes earlier claims by the CIA that with the arrest and convic-tion of Aldrich Ames, former head of its counter-esplonage office in Washington, the CIA terrorist division, in an attempt to keep him away from sensitive agent information and his foreign trip was believed to be in this context.

Sacred mountain Anger at Mugabe's wanderlust

Andrew Meldrum in Harare

IMBABWE'S president, Robert Mugabe, returned from a trip to Europe yesterday to be con-fronted by a barrage of criti-cism about taking expensive overseas tours while his country grapples with a stag-nant economy and soaring poverty.
The Zimbabwean leader

A tarmac road means faced unprecedented anger on his return from a week-long visit to Rome, where he attended last week's United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation summit. He and his 31-year-old wife had also been Christmas shopping in

Zimbabwe's economy is sluggish, unemployment is at last minute to commandeer 50 per cent and urban poverty | planes from the national |

continues to maintain a prof-ligate budget deficit of more than 10 per cent of GDP. "Mugabe and [Zaire's president] Mobutu are the only African presidents enjoying themselves in Europe while their countries are crumbling," said a Zimbabwean political scientist, John Makumbe. "It is reckless and arrogant. Mugabe and his government have become unaccountable."

When the radio announces that Air Zimbabwe flights have been abruptly cancelled, Zimbabweans know that Mr Mugabe is off on another of his frequent trips abroad.

This year scores of flights have been disrupted because the president waits until the

is rising, but the government | airline. Since his lavish wed- | hallmark of this governding in August, to which 20 000 guests were invited Mr Mugabe, aged 72, has visited Cape Town, Maseru, Ham-burg, Vienna, Geneva, Accra, Ouagadougou, Luanda, Kingston and Yaoundé.

Many people are fed up.

Last week Air Zimbabwe en-

gineers refused to carry out a service on the jet that would take Mr Mugabe to Rome and London. Thirty-five engineers were suspended. While he was in Rome, Zim-

babweans endured a strike by state nurses and doctors which forced hundreds of desperately ill people to wait for emergency medical attention. Some died.

"Not only was the visit badly timed, it showed the growing and unacceptable ar-

was all about, the public was Nurses and doctors are striking because they have not yet received pay rises promised them in September. Zimbabweans are also

rogance that has become the

angered by apparent top-level corruption. And there is the prolonged trial of the opposi-tion leader, Ndabaningi Sithole, on what legal experts say is filmsy evidence that he plotted to assassinate Presi-

brother, Miguel, are beld. Recently authorities man-

aged to tap three phone conversations between Mi-

Cartel leaders are in jail but there is no stopping the cocaine train

Mary Matheson in Bogotá

N JUNE last year Gilberto Rodríguez sat in shackles in Bogotá's police headquarters. Offi-cers were showered with confetti and streamers, and the Colombian authorities hailed the end of the Cali

drug cartel. Since then, six remain-ing drug barons have been jailed, cartel bank accounts frozen, and front compa-nies closed. But, according to American authorities. the flow of cocaine to the United States has not been

"Around 80 per cent of cocaine entering the United States is processed and transported from Colom-bia," said the US ambassador to Colombia, Myles Fre-chette. It is also the source of about 60 per cent of the heroin sold in America. But Colombian police

maintain that the Cali cartel is dead, and that most of the drug trade has spilled over to Brazil, Peru, Vene-zuela and Ecuador. Only small-time traffickers contime exporting from Colombia, they say. "We are seizing the ma-jority of cocaine ship-

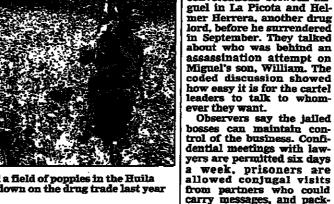


Colombian troops guard a field of poppies in the Huila

kilo of their cocaine because a whole organisation existed . . . and they bought everyone.

Colombian police, work-

ed lower-ranking members of the cartel believed to have taken over some of the routes owned by their ments," said Colonel Benjaments," said Colonel Benjabosses. But what remains
min Nuñez, head of the Cali
anti-drug task force.
"When the Cali cartel ex"When the Cali cartel exstill have over the business



ing with intelligence services from other countries, have intercepted even more shipments this year. "But what we don't know is how much more is being pro-duced," said Mr Frechette. The task force has target-

"They can communicate by public telephone and it's difficult for us to try to intercept or control their con-versations," said Colonel Hector Escamilla, director "When the Call cartel ex-isted, we didn't seize one from behind bars. Gilberto Rodriguez and his

ever they want. Observers say the jailed bosses can maintain con-trol of the business. Confidential meetings with law-yers are permitted six days week, prisoners are allowed conjugal visits from partners who could carry messages, and pack-ages sent outside by in-Last month Ecuadorean police — working with Co-lombian and US authorities nates are not searched. Family members can also - seized 6.3 tonnes of co-

help. William Rodriguez caine headed for Mexico. has been indicted in Miami Colombian police believe the shipment could have befor drug trafficking. "We also believe that since the longed to Victor Patino, arrest of his father he has had several people killed for their role in informing on him," said Mr Frechette. fifth in the cartel hierarchy and presently in prison. American officials say lax security could allow jailed barons to continue A low-ranking cartel managing the business. member said William was in charge of bribing politi-cians and officials but took

no part in trafficking. Colombian police cannot prove otherwise. The only certainty now is that cocaine is still reach-ing the streets of the US.

North Korean grain shortage

NORTH KOREA expects a shortfall of 2 million tons of grain next year — equal to 40 per cent of the country's needs and signifi-cantly worse than expected, the Red Cross said yesterday.

Only a few months ago, aid workers had estimated the food shortage would be 1.5 million tons.

"Their shortages are serious... they have not been able to meet the daily food ration." said Ole Gronning of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in North

Korea's capital, Pyongyang.
"This is had news, really had news, in a country that already doesn't have much now," Mr Gronning said.
He said farmers whose crops had been wiped out by devastating floods in July had eaten about 400,000 tons of grain before it came to maturity. — Reuter, Beijing.

Mars probe splashes down

THE MARS '96 probe which failed on launch at the weekend crashed harmlessly into the Pacific Ocean yesterday.
The Russian probe, part of an international effort to look for signs of water — and therefore possible life — on Mars, carried instruments designed by British scientists.

There were fears that the six-ton spacecraft and its nuclear burden could crash near Canberra, Australia: in fact, the debris plashed down between Easter Island and Chile at 1.34am. The mission was not insured, the Russians confirmed yester day. A spokesman said Russian law dictated that insurance must be paid for out of profits, and the Russian Space Agency did not have any. "We've put seven years work into this," said the mission director, Nikolai Ivanov, "I cannot begin to describe how tt feels." — Tim Radford, Science Editor.

Paris may ease wealth tax

THE FRENCH government is considering easing a special tax on the wealthy so that rich people do not flee the country, the

minister of urban affairs and integration, Eric Raoult, said. "We would not want the hen that lays a golden egg to leave . . . allowing capital to escape, little by little, out of the country," Mr Raoult said. He acknowledged that the so-called "solidarity tax on great wealth" was popular but said he believed the right balance could be found to keep the public satisfied while encouraging the wealthy to remain on French soil. Parliament is in the midst of

weighing the 1997 state budget.

The president, Jacques Chirac, said earlier this year that the tax should be eased. — Reuter, Puris.

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A surplus isn't a tax cut

Mr Clarke must bank the cash not give it away

unexpectedly large surplus of £4.4 billion in the Treasury's accounts in October will undoubtedly change the politics, if not the economics, of next week's Budget. It will make whatever the Chancellor decides to "give away" in tax cuts seem much more affordable - and therefore politically justified than hitherto. After all, if the Treasury is about £3 billion richer than it expected to be at this stage of the business cycle, who could possibly complain if some of it is given back to the electorate? If only life was so simple. The fact is that October's surplus - equivalent to £200 for every working person - is only a mild correction in the trend of the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement (the gap between the Government's income and expenditure) that has been defying government forecasts for years. In the November 1994 Budget, the PSBR was forecast to fall to £13 billion (1.75 per cent of gross domestic product) this year, then to 0.75 per cent of GDP next year prior to all borrowing being eliminated by 1998. In the event, last year's Budget had to raise the PSBR of that in one go — a 4p reduction in forecast for this year from £13 billion to next Tuesday's Budget to take effect in last summer's forecasts).

October is generally in surplus because it is one of the big months for this year was much higher dividend payments and higher advance corporation tax payments by companies in the financial sector. The current indications are that industrial and commercial companies (whose main payment month is January) haven't done so well. Either way, the effect of the October than an overshoot, on this year's excep-

YESTERDAY'S welcome news of an surplus as tax fodder to win an election. If privatisation receipts and the transactions of public corporations are extracted to make the figures more-orless compatible with the EU criteria for entering monetary union (requiring budget deficits to be brought down to 3 per cent of GDP), then it is a different story: the likely outcome at the end of this financial year for the UK is a Maastricht-busting 4.5 per cent of GDP. Even if the UK decides not to join Europe's plans for a single currency, any government, Labour or Conservative, would deem it prudent to bring borrowing down as a proportion of the whole economy during times of economic expansion - to allow debt to expand during recessions when tax revenues drop and social security pay-ments rise. The idea that one month's windfall justifies permanent tax cuts is as silly as it is imprudent.

It is also, curiously, illogical. The Conservatives are already firmly committed to reducing the basic rate of tax from the current level of 24p in the £ to 20p. If they were to announce the whole £22.5 billion (later revised to £27 billion | from April — they would have blown all their bribes since people could pocket the 4p and then vote Labour. It is actually in the Conservatives' interest corporation tax payments. The main to keep as large a chunk of the 4p as reason why it was unexpectedly high possible in reserve so people have a vested interest in voting Conservative. If logic was the determining factor in the Budget, there would be tax increases, not reductions, in order to reduce the Budget deficit and hose down the incipient spending boom. But that won't happen. In his heart of hearts, Kenneth Clarke knows all this. surplus is to make it more likely that But that won't stop him announcing tax there will be an undershoot, rather cuts, even though it is pouring oil onto the flames of consumer spending. After tionally large forecast deficit of £27 all, it may not be this chancellor who billion. It is not an excuse to use the has to clear up the mess.



with the real world if it believes that it enough to say that his office fund is a has yet responded adequately to the allegations about the funding of Tony Blair's private office. To say this is not to ignore the substance of some of Labour's defences — notably that its funding system has been approved by Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Standards Commissioner, and the fact that Labour is willing to refer all such matters to the Nolan Committee providing that other parties do likewise. Nevertheless, to the dispassionate observer, Labour has been caught saying one thing and doing another. The party has pledged that it will publish the source of donations of £5,000 or more, but here it is doing the opposite, refusing to give details about donations to the Labour Leader's Office Fund, an account which is said to be worth anything up to £500,000 a year. We shouldn't mince words. That's double standards.

No one should deny either the problems inherent in the funding of modern political parties or the inadequacy of the existing system. We have great sympathy for the opposition parties' difficulties in matching the resources available to the Conservatives. That is why the whole matter ought to go to Nolan. But Nolan is not the end of the matter. Mr Blair is nothing if not a realist. He needs to accept, especially having chosen a policy of general openness, that the attempts to distance him from what appears like a subterfuge are unsatisfactory and damaging, inside down the same slope.

THE LABOUR Party is losing touch and outside the party. It isn't good "blind trust". It must be visible to all.

Ultimately, it all comes down to accountability. Mr Blair runs a bigger office than any of his predecessors and one with much greater power. Having centralised authority in this way, he cannot be surprised when people want to know who is paying for it, and to monitor what donors get in return. Similar concerns apply to the office funding of other senior shadow cabinet members, especially Gordon Brown. The fact that the Conservatives have at least as much to hide is no justification for Labour secrecy. The public and the party are entitled to know who pays for what - and then to ask them why.

A party which is obsessed with being trusted ought to be the first to recognise this. The fact that it appears not to is therefore alarming, especially in view of Labour's discreditable history in this area, which culminated in the Wilson resignation honours list. "Old Labour", let us remember, was not just the overmighty trade union barons (at least they were elected after a fashion). It was also the patron of a system of rewards for unelected business tycoons (not least Sir James Goldsmith). "New Labour" will not deserve its name if it adopts a similar cosy system of its own for the leader's rich chums and opportunist admirers. The US Democrats are already beginning to be tarnished by such questions. Labour must not slip

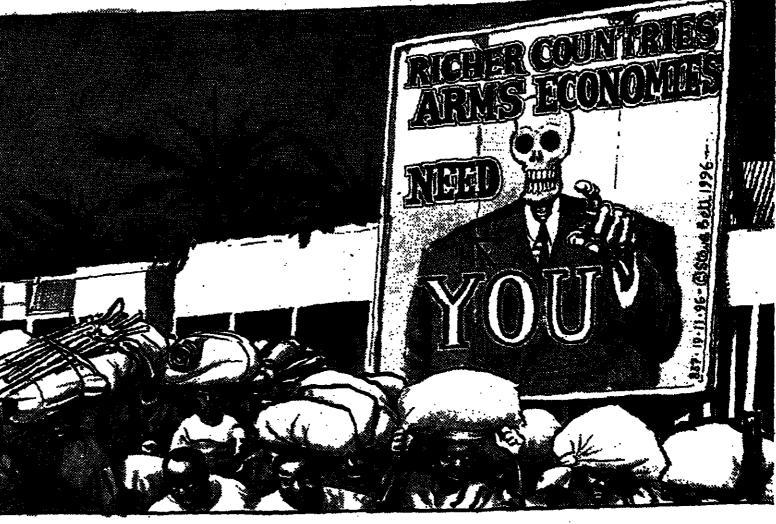
Called to the Cash Bar

Barristers rail at the idea of earning only £500-a-day

horror. Not over the trauma suffered by the children, serious though that was, but the equally serious abuse of the legal system by barristers. There had been too many barristers (11) arguing for too long (six weeks) at an extortionlegal bills. The judge described the cost as "a scandal . . . it cannot be allowed to happen again." And it wasn't supposed to. There was a Bar Council internal review of fees. There were angry mutterings from the highest judges - the Lord Chief plus the Law Lords - on the need to reduce fees and double (or quadruple) representation. And then? crown court criminal cases will start, but not until next January and there are no prescribed rates for family advoless than a day. But the Bar remains up | Double manning must stop.

THREE years ago, at the end of a child | in arms because fixed-rate proposals abuse case, the judge expressed deep have been proposed for civil and family cases on legal aid. The Lord Chancellor should be criticised, not for his propos-

als but the delay. Only the Bar could believe a £5.500 brief fee and a flat £500-a-day for an 11 to 20-day hearing was "unfair". Comate rate. The case cost £1 million in pared to current charges it is. But all gravy trains come to a stop eventually. Even the Bar's. Our legal correspondent wrote yesterday of the anger of judges at current brief fees (up to £35,000) and daily claims of up to £2,000. The biggest victims of this system are children in need of legal protection. A capped legal-aid budget means many more could be helped with flat-rate fees Three years on, graduated fees for of 2500 a day. Action is needed on another front. It is now 18 years since the two-counsel rule - under which QCs were always supported by "junior cacy except some minor cases lasting | counsel - was supposedly abolished.



Letters to the Editor

Agony of the Ecstasy

on Ecstasy (I say yes, you say no, November 8) raises important issues about campaigning. His argument appears to be that because teenagers are not going to listen, why tell them not to take Ecstasy? Yet if they know the possible consequences, at least they can make an in-formed choice. And is it not right that those who have not yet taken drugs may be per-suaded not to start?

There will always be some thing that is supposedly more dangerous. Endless statistics "inform" me how unlikely it is that my plane will crash if I fly. So should we forget about improving safety and security measures for travellers? On the contrary, because of my brother's death in the Locker-bie air disaster I believe that the public has a right to be protected and to know all there is to know about the real risks of flying.

Preventable catastrophe leaves in its wake an over the stuff. They're too worried whelming desire not to see you might be Mr Plod. mitment to change comes through personal experience of extreme circumstances, not through statistics. I salute the Betts family in their cause. Pamela Dix.

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What's up, doc?

THE hysterical response of

the three doctors (Letters.

November 16) to Roy Lilley's

excellent article (Doctoring

the system. November 13) is

typical of the medical profes-sion's attitude to criticism. Dr

Perry writes that "his points

and, at the beginning of the new year, a friend gave me an E (not my first) which gave me the most exquisite happi-ness for several hours. That experience helped my mind to re-learn how it feels to be happy, and I can honestly say things have never been as had since. I am also aware of the downside '- a friend, who could not take the effects on his nervous system, had a hard time after his one experience of E. Yet elsewhere in Europe, instead of getting hysterical about drugs, clinical psychiatrists have been using Ecstasy to treat depression.

I saw the Betts parents on TV shortly after Leah's death, and I was longing to tell Mr Betts that his understanding of Ecstasy "pushers" is completely wrong. I have never ever, known of a dealer going around clubs trying the push you might be Mr Plod.

OM Hodgkinson suggests that the campaign against drugs launched by Leah Betts's parents was well-meaning but naive. Yet, while arguing that it may not have changed the minds of the drug-takers, he nevertheless Cambridge CBI 1LL.

HANK you for your enlightened article about Ecstasy. I went through a long period of depression in 1994, might have otherwise been atmight have otherwise been at-tracted to the drug culture. Hodgkinson admits that he likes to "get off [his] head" himself, but this is no excuse for his myopically libertarian, and dangerously misleading, appeal to "let the people get on with it".

James Chiriyankandath. 64 Cavendish Road, London N4 1RS.

WAS astonished by Tom Hodgkinson's outrageous conclusion. "The authorities are never in control, they're always one stage behind," he writes. "The moods of the people are not dictated by government."
What libertarian witchcraft

is this? Guardian leaders, New Labour, and Will Hutton, were finally beginning to convince me that wise policies from a wise state could make Britain into a kinder, gentler "stakeholder society" by reshaping our values. How can this hapfluenced by the powers that be? Should the people just be allowed to "get on with it" in labour markets? Such subversive individualism should not be allowed on your pages. Stephen Butler.

3 Malcolm Street

have all the benefits of being self-employed with none of the risks, such as job insecu-

rity or the need to find cus-

tomers or cope with

ON the day of your exclusive non-interview with the Duchess of York (Novem-

ber 16), your report (Jail

release ruling blow for How-ard) was also an exclusive it had no comment from Harry

Fletcher, of the National Association of Probation Offi-

Headquarters, Cleiand House, Page Street, London SW1P 4LN.

WHAT an trony that a New Labour supremo (Letters,

November 16) should accus the Guardian of preferring media hype to hard politics.

Should someone remind Robin

Cook about pots and kettles?

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attacks each year and system-

atic discrimination on a daily

basis. Paedophiles would only

be encouraged if they thought

they had academic approval. Following the Anti-Nazi

League campaign, Edinburgh University has acted respon-sibly and suspended Brand,

thus recognising an impor-

tant right — the right of eth-nic minorities and children to

be treated with decency and

(Dr) J D Gluckstein.

Stevenson College, Bankhead Avenue,

cers. Keep it up.

HM Prison Service

Peter Quinn.

ompetition.

Andrew Anderson.

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Why is the West only now intervening in Central Africa?

that can be levelled against the efforts to reach displaced people and refugees in the present crisis in Eastern Zaire. But what Alex de Waal (No bloodless miracle, November 15) should be attacking is the international community's abdication of its responsibilities in the region.

Not one person has been successfully prosecuted for the deaths of up to 800,000 people. The aid agencies have consistently called for the in-ternational tribunal to be strengthened. To ask unarmed aid-workers to disarm genocidal killers is

macceptable. Sadly, western governments only seem to react when there is a crisis. If they had acted pre-emptively, as we have consistently asked them to do, this crisis could have been avoided. Verena Jones.

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DOUBTS over sending Brit-ish troops to Zaire have nothing to do with lack of public outrage or "compas sion fatigue" (Leader, November 15). Rather, people now realise that selective cant about civilising missions from politicians, crisis-manment by NGOs and mudagement by NGOs and mud-dled military interventions will neither tackle the underlying causes of conflict, nor durably alleviate the human

If Britain really was the

misery they produce.

THE aid agencies are well "civilised nation" Mr Por-aware of the criticisms tillo claims, in April 1994 our government would have used its troops and diplomatic clout to halt the genocide and then ensure those respon-sible were brought to justice. It did neither.

Failure to act then makes both the moral legitimacy and practical purpose of its current intervention tenuous in the extreme. David Styan.

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THE decision to send troops to Zaire is a cynical exer-cise in neo-colonialism. When 800,000 Tutsis were massa-cred by Hutus — armed and abetted by the Zairean government—the West did noth-ing. This happened in the mid-1970s. Now diamond-rich Zaire is facing disintegration, and the CIA puppet, Mobuto, is in exile — so the West intervenes, euphemistically for "humanitarian" reasons.

19 Warwick Road, Enfield.

WE must be very suspi-cious of French involvement in this area. It has everything to do with sup-porting their ally Mobutu. one of the more corrupt and vicious dictators in this world, and very little to do with humanitarian aid. M Cox. 10 The Garth,

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John Lloyd: a widow responds

testimony of terror. November 2), as John Lloyd claims (Letters, November 18). He did indeed turn state ess against John Harris,

my late husband. John's confession to manslaughter carried a sentence of life impris-onment, but he always denied any intent to kill, saying that he had expected the station police to clear the concourse on receiving his telephoned warning (which they made no attempt to do).
Lloyd did not merely give

corroborative evidence but, as the judgment transcript states, he alleged, inter alia, that John said: "If a few lives were taken, this would be tactically advisable because it would save so many lives in the future." John "stoutly denied this allegation by Lloyd". However, Lloyd's version was accepted by the judge and in-cluded in his judgment, "that

HERE were no false asser- the accused subjectively had thous in your article (A an intention to kill", and was therefore guilty of murder, which carried a mandatory death sentence.

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Nor did John send a per-sonal message of forgiveness to Lloyd from the condemned cell. He instructed me to tell the press after his execution that "he held no malice towards his former friends and colleagues who gave evidence against him when they appeared as state witnesses in this case."

John had asked me to contact Lloyd asking him to retract his evidence; John died thinking that I had been unable to do so, for I could not bring myself to tell him that Lloyd had refused. Like all of us, he took it for granted that once in safety, Lloyd would jump at the chance to make restitution for what he had done under duress. Ann Wolfe. Nuerensdorf, Switzerland.

A Country Diary

hillside near Hastingden, the garden, or "pen" in local ter-minology, was terraced to achieve something like the horizontal and retained by a high dry-stone wall. A deinge one night set the already wet soil moving and, in the morn-ing, there was a shapeless mass of sludge and stone where the wall had been Repair looked to be out of the question. But our 80-year-old neighbour directed us to the stonewaller. He came up with his lad, and, with no fuss, remade the wall. I have remem-bered him in the past few weeks when I have passed through North Cheriton. It is a picturesque village with all the ingredients — a thatched cottage, village pump, a set of stocks, a manor with a magno-lia, and a manor farm. The level of the village street is, on one side, several feet below that of the fields and gardens beside it, and there is a long, winding, and beautifully-con-

SOMERSET: When we lived in | structed dry-stone retaining cottage perched on a steep wall. Beyond the church, millside near Haslingden, the where the road bends sharply where the road denote anarpty left, a great weight of soil has gradually pushed the wall out-wards. Ugly gaps had ap-peared and piles of stone at the roadside. But the local stonewaller has been at work, and the result is a masterpiece. He has re-made 130 yards of wall. On the road side, the face of the wall is almost smooth. Each one of thousands of assorted stone fragments has been exactly set in place, as if fashioned by nature for just that particular space. Weeks of patient, deliberate, and supremely-skilful labour have changed heaps of dirt and rubble into a perfect whole. It is easy when admir ing such things to look at life in south Somerset sentimentally. But there are effective antidotes; vandals have been attacking carnival floats, and thieves have broken into the village garage to steal MoT certificates.

JOHN VALLINS



are not even worth refuting": this is GP-speak for 'he's dead right". Here are a few facts which the doctors' trade union won't tell you: GPs have 10 weeks' holiday • GPs do not have responsibility for their patients 24 a year. Their average working week is under no threat from European legislation: rate" is a myth. Despite a rise in "early" retirements, the number of GPs in England rose by 11.6 per cent in the 10

years to 1994;

hours a day. This has been delegated to deputising and • The average patient calls out their GP at night once

out-of-hours services, at public expense:

every 27 years, A gas leak

↑ TAYLOR'S letter (Novem ber 16) gives as an example of British Gas incompe tence the ludicrous reques

for a postcode when reporting a gas leak in a field. As one of the operators who take gas emergency calls, I suggest that there are more grave problems in the gas industry. Why are the emergency call centres staffed mainly by tem-porary agency staff? Few permanent staff remain and no permanent posts are being created. No contracts are issued despite the fact that some agency staff stay for over a year. Low wages and lack of security lead to a high turnover of staff.

Training is cursory, and subsequent information and direction for manangement is inconsistent. Staff work at VDUs and are constantly on the phone for periods of up to six and a half hours with no break. Our counterparts at British Gas Trading and British Gas Service indicate a similar lack of training. And of course, there is the complete ineptitude of the indus try in communicating with

Nothing will change until the public and the shareholders wise up. Name and address supplied.

Please include a full postal address and daytime telephone number, even in e-mailed atters. We regret we cannot acknowledge receipt of letters. are more likely to appear

The quiet man **Bully beef**

HE governors and staff of Shene School do not accept the allegations made by Sebas-tian Sharp (School pays £30,000 to victim of bullying, November 16). Throughout the article you state as fact that which we would have vigorously contested in court. The case was not "successful". as you describe, but an out-ofcourt settlement took place Our insurance company took the decision to agree a settlement because of the escalating costs of court action. The plaintiff agreed to a sum sub-stantially below the amount he was originally demanding. Lis Rumbold.

Chair of Governors,

Shene School Park Avenue, East Sheen, London SW14 8RG.

Wrongs don't make a right

YOUR letter-writers (No-vember 12, 14) defend the "right" of Chris Brand to use the prestige of a university post to expound racist views and assert that some paedo-philia is harmless. I doubt they would support the "freedom of speech" that a member of the neo-Nazi group, Combat 18, exercised when he phoned my 12-year old daugher to threaten her with rape and death on account of my Jewish name and anti-racist

respect. This should be applauded. These writers ignore the impact academics can have. Bankhead Avenue, There are thousands of racist | Edinburgh EH11 4DE.

Diary

Dan Glaister

AN MONK, one of the most loved men in what was Fleet Street, is to leave the Express. His abrupt departure from the post of deputy editor comes after a flasco involving the Duchess of York, an unau-thorised biography, a couple of Sun reporters and a wom-an in a Heathrow hotel. The woman was Mrs Monk, a sum of £4,000 had been men-tioned, and police have used the word theft. Mr Monk was, of course, blameless. He told colleagues he was out on his mountain bike when his wife is supposed to have disappeared with the manuscript.

OOD to see that Tony Baldry, Minister of State at the naff-ounding Maff — Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food — is making an effort to rood — is making an effort to meet the people who toil in his chosen field of expertise. Next Monday, to pluck a day at random from the ministerial diary, he will be in Crewe to meet members of the NFU, the Country Landowners Association, the Ten-ant Farmers' Association and Women Farmers' Union, and women Farmers omeon representing farmers in Peter Kilfoyle's Liverpool Walton constituency. Let's see, now. The Diary has spent days scouring the agri-cultural heartlands of Wal-ton to little avail. The only farm in the area is the City Farm, boasting two pigs, one sheep and sundry hens and cocks. Confusion over agri-cultural policy? Heavens,

EFORE the Literary Review's bad-sex awards make their entrance next week — no puns, please, missus — there is still time to report on the Oddest Title of the Year competition, hosted by the Book-seller magazine. Past winners have included the plodding How To Avoid Huge Ships and the essential Versailles: The View From Sweden. This year's com-mended titles include the Ilustrated History Of Excavators, and the not-unconnected Before And After: Best New Ideas For Improving The Quality of Dying And For Inexpensive Green, Family Organised Funerals. Ever wondered why the boss has a better hair than you? Planning For Partnership: The Relationship Between Chairs And Chief Executive could hold the answers. The promise of a less highpowered approach to office life is offered in Holding The Line: The Telephone In Old Order Mennonite And Amish Life. The Booksell er's winning oddity is Greek Rural Postmen And Their Cancellation Numbers, They have postmen? They have numbers? The Diary's favourite, for what it's worth, is the JG Ballardes que Club Thrower's Handbook: Throwing Golf Clubs For Distance and Accuracy. David Cronenberg should be

EARTENING news for the impoverished Duke of Rutland. Alert readers may remem-ber the heart-warming story reported last week of one ordinary nobleman's struggle to get more money out of his building society. Seventy-eight-years old, £78 million stashed away, the Duke has expressed disappointment that the Alliance & Leicester has chosen to give investors an even £1,200 when it becomes a bank next year, regardless of the size of their investment. The Duke ckons he's worth more And now the great British public has come to his aid. Well, Mr N Moore of Arunhas sent a cheque, payable to the Duke. "I myself luxuriate in £45 pw," writes Mr Moore, "so I'm a bit pushed financially, but all the same, here's a cheque for £5. I'm sure that there must be 300 people like me willing to contribute to a very noble cause indeed. He'll be all right." concludes Mr Moore, nobly, "tell him." We shall,

A. SOM FEED

HRISTMAS is cancelled, it's official. Red faces all round at the News of the World, where the corporate Christmas card has been abruptly withdrawn. "Virgin Birth Sensa-tion" reads the illustration of an undeniably witty ster for the Bethleh Tabloid. So witty is it, they were still chuckling when they came to print the Virginia Street address inside the card: "News of the World, 1 Virgina Street."



A quiet time in bed together

Commentary

Hugo Young

ODAY an exercise in political originality takes another stride forward. It has not been widely noticed because it has not caused a row. Yet the fact that it has not caused the fact that it has not caused a row constitutes a large part of its novelty and interest, a paradox with which journal five years, arguably, it will be if the solitary basis for the government's claim to a radical country of the solitary basis for the government's claim to a radical country of the solitary basis for the government's claim to a radical country of the solitary basis for the ground of the solitary basis for the solitary bassis for the solitary basis for the solitary basis for the solita crats are sitting down for the second time in private conclave to talk about collaborating on the central project of the government Tony Blair expects to lead, and nobody is screaming blue murder.

If Labour politicians do not recognise constitutional reform as their central project, the big event this week-end should have enlightened them. After a Labour victory, much of the new Parliament would be about system and process, the changing of the rules. The single-currency

gitimacy. That all three parties now agree Parliament cannot be trusted to reflect the popular will, and must no longer pretend to do so, is an longer pretend to do so, is an epoch-making development. But it belongs to a pattern Labour has been incessantly describing for the past five years, while only dimly knowing what to do about it. Reform has to be the cantral project in two senses. It's the area where differences between left and right are by far the sharpest. At the end of

record. It's also the ground where Labour, if the party holds good to half its prom-ises, will require the Com-mons to spend many sleepless nights. At 200 hours of floortime (which precedent suggests), even one constitu-tional measure per session would eat up available law-making capacity. Without careful preparation, the programme is in danger of never

appening. The reasons, therefore, for collaboration with the Lib Dems are obvious. But they've never weighed much referendum, if it ever hap-pens, will be but one example. siveness now reflects, it must set to the hard agenda-setting Why is it necessary? Not be said, the blindness of many of government. Whether this

merely because EMU is a Labour MPs. It is benign tes-huge and contentious issue but because Parliament as presently constituted no longer enjoys universal es-teem as the sole fount of le-citives and contentious issue with which reform is still regarded: permitted because the small faction of politi-cians who take it seriously clans who take it seriously see it makes sense, while the larger group dismiss it as the concern of a secluded chattering class. There's already been Lab-Lib collaboration on

been Lab-Lib collaboration on the Scott Report and on combat knives, but if the effort extended to economic or welfare policy, the screaming would assuredly begin.

Now, however, the liaison has something to offer. It is bringing order to Labour's chaos of neglect. When the group sat down for its first meeting, those present were impressed by the suspicion that this was also the first occasion when the the high command had begun to command had begun to address serious matters among themselves. Robin Cook, leader of the caucus, has thought plenty about reform; Jack Straw, chairman of the supposedly most relevant committee, less so and with less enthusiasm. Facing the Lib Dems, who have a longer commitment but a smaller burden, they're compelled to think about how Cook, leader of the caucus to order their priorities. House of Lords? Bill of Rights? Scotland? Wales? It's unnerving to discover how far Labour has yet to move from an oppositionist mind-set to the hard agenda-setting

out oppositionism, each party to the liaison has one overriding imperative. For saved the Callaghan Labour it is Scottish devolu-tion, with the Welsh version hovering uncertainly behind. The Scottish parliament will not wait, and the problems surrounding it will be large enough to demand the assis-tance of every Lib Dem vote to facilitate its passage through Westminster. It is also the item on which, with Lib Dem assistance at the Scottish Convention, Donald Dewar, another member of the caucus, did more than anyone to shepherd Labour towards the novelities both of anyone to snephero Labour towards the novelties both of collaboration and a propor-tional voting system. But if Labour fails Scotland, it can forget about other reform as

For the Lib Dems, the de-mand that matches this is

Labour has to move from an oppositionist mind-set to the agenda-setting of government

electoral reform. They've gone into collaboration withgone into containoration win-out an undertaking from Mr Blair to back proportional voting. This is a deal Paddy Ashdown once_refused to countenance. His people think they discern a more positive attitude in the Labour leader, who has prom-ised a referendum and cannot, they imagine, promote one in which his visionary pledge extends no further than a defence of the status quo. They had better be right,

half-covert enterprise gets anywhere is now the question. Away from the dreams and detritus of half-thoughtfor precisely zero as the Lib-erals' reward for the pact that government.
At some point, these two bottom-line requirements

will meet. They could either run in parallel, or cross and run off in different directions Nobody knows which it will be. The process cannot be hustled, the players have a lot to learn. Until the election, and very likely after it, the Lib Dems will not have a strong negotiating position. They can't expect to bounce regional government or the House of Lords which they've given themselves more time to think about than the other side. Their idea of a single Great Reform Bill, encom-passing all the items in one great parliamentary thrust, is completely unrealistic, and should disappear early in the discussions. All concerned are prepared for a possible breakdown. Because it mustn't be seen to have failed, they prefer the liaison not to have been widely seen to start. It may just quietly

run in the sand.

The available gains, on the other hand, could be great. This is, after all, a bit of honesty in politics: two parties with many identical objec-tives getting together to advance the common cause. Something the public has seldom seen. It should, at least, help push the Labour Party to describe the shape of the reformed governing institutions it would ideally like to see. The whole package can't be done at once, but every thing inter-connects. It is in-credible that Labour hasn't thought hard about that yet. But then, it would have been incredible three years ago to find Labour enlisting another

Vengeance is mine, saith the evangelical



George Monbiot

EVITICUS is pretty clear about homosexuality. "Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind: it is abomina-tion." Like those who defile themselves with beasts, such sinners will be, the Bible tells us, vomited out by the land itself. If evidence of this hideous destiny were ever required, one need look no further than the eructations which greeted the 20th anniversary of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, celebrated on Saturday in Southwark Cathedral.

Never having lain with a man as with a woman, or with a beast to defile myself therewith, I was, until this weekend, fairly complacent about my chances of being vomited. Then, however, hoping to discover what the fuss was all about, I made the mistake of taking a look at Leviticus. It's odd that no one else seems to have noticed it. but the news is much worse than we thought: terrestrial regurgitation awaits those who commit any one of the "abominable customs" listed in the book. All of us habit-ually defile ourselves before the Lord, but, as if to prove that He is a just God, food manufacturers and estate agents would seem to have the most to fear, as they lead all the rest of us into tempta-

it should surely be them. Leviticus leaves little room for doubt. Thou shalt not eat animal fat, or the fruit of a tree you've owned for less than five years. Thou shalt not round the corners of your head, or mar the corners of your beard. Thou shalt not touch a woman, or anything she's sat on, until seven days after her menstruation

tion. If anyone should be

looking out for a cosmic spew

begins. Thou shalt not put a stumbling block before the blind (which does for anyone parking on the pavement). Thou shalt not trade in free hold: after 50 years, all prop erty must revert to the people

being accepted into the the "pick-and-mix morality" His injunctions in this regard on homosexuality and choos flouted. Leviticus prohibits from officiating in church anyone that hath a blemish, be he lame, crookbackt, with a flat nose, "or anything su-perfluous". Quite what this

ing aids, spectacles, dentures and toupees, thus barring the greater part of the priesthood from its duties.
Obviously, an awful lot of

turtle doves are going to have to have their heads pulled off to atone for this lot. On the plus side, we have banned the import of ostrich meat from South Africa on the grounds of its uncleanliness, and in-cinerated plenty of oxen this year, which could be taken as a sort of expiatory sacrifice. We have been diligent in making bondmen of the heathen, and if we aren't smiting the enemies of the Lord ourselves, at least we are supplying the hardware. But God's land must surely be starting

to gag.

In need of spiritual guidance, I telephoned the Rev
Philip Hacking, chairman of Reform, the group which led the protests against the ser-vice on Saturday. Why have he and his fellow evangeli-cals, so quick to warn homosexuals of the perils they face, been so slow to warn the

Homosexuality, he told me, unlike other Old Testament abominations, is also recog-nised as a sin in the New Testament: there is no com-parison, for example, with the sin of Onan, which "the Bible doesn't take very seriously". Conspicuously, however.

homosexuality is condemned by the New Testament not in the four gospels but in Romans, Conrinthians and Revelations, along with stacks of wonderful material about many-horned beasts and the ordination of all governments by God. Those books, like Leviticus, relay the words not of God, but of men striving, just as they do today, to apply His teachings to everyday life. Philip Hacking has rightly rejected the prejudices of 4,000 years ago, only to embrace those of 2,000 vears ago.

small anti-nausea drug of hope, which may yet delay the global barf. Among Free Prsebyterians in Glasgow, a small group is beginning to take the Bible seriously. The "theonomists", like the Taliban, would replace the indicary with replace the judiciary with religious courts. Homosexuals, adulterers and disobedi-ent children would be stoned

This honesty in sentencing may be as relevant to Britain While God doubtless appreciates the fuss about gays theonomists don't succumb to priesthood, He surely can't be so often lamented by groups very pleased that the rest of like Reform. By concentrating have been so manifestly ing to reject as irrelevant the other teachings of the Bible. evangelical Christians are surely committing the very sin of which they acuse the homophiles. They are pandering to the whims of the momeans is anyone's guess, but ment, rather than listening to the must certainly cover hear the God of their hearts.

Alan Yentob defends the Birtian revolution at the BBC — and argues that pruning, splitting and replanting have produced a fitter, more vigorous corporation

Vhy we are doing it

House, a hotbed that was abuzz, 24 hours a day, in pursuit of knowledge and ideas. No one called broadcasting an industry" then. The BBC had the questing, plural atmosphere of a very open univer-sity. It was full of prospectors sharing skills and ideas — full of dreamers and doers.

But there were also cliques and cahals, as well as haves and have-nots. The place was stratified like the Civil Service. There were those, like me, in a charmed "editorial" circle. And then there were others I worked with equally bright, but sometimes deeply frustrated — consigned to the lower caste of Technical and Clerical. Despite its democratic feel, and its polyphony of voices, the class system was alive and well within the BBC. After about a year at Bush House, I moved to television. At the end of the daring 60s, a sense of safety was beginning to settle. The competitive threat from ITV that had kept the BBC on its toes was dying down. The "cosy duopoly" be-tween the two sides was taking over. Meanwhile, the launch of colour and the growth of colour licences meant a windfall was coming the BBC's way — and with it a serious skills shortage. Almost all you needed to get a

This was a BBC of fearsome tribalism. Huw Wheldon called the production depart-ments "baronies" in this era. Around them, the channel controllers nervously held court. They gathered before the barons at the annual Runnymede of the programme "offers meeting" — and were frequently faced with offers

job there was to turn up at the

they couldn't refuse. eded many of the skills they need today -- clout, showmanship, a certain braggadocio, some talent even. But, unlike today, you didn't need to worry too much about the

We producers were having a great time. But under the surface, the system was creaking at the seams — and it was the fering. At the end of the 60s BBC1 and 2 were repeating five hours a week of pro-grammes in peak time. By 1974, that figure had gone up to more than nine hours — even though licence money was pouring in. And in a typi-cal week in 1976, BBC1 had peak-time feature films on five nights of the week — plus three peak-time American crime shows. This was a Planned economy like that of the Soviet Union. Pleasant inefficiency prevailed.

Within the BBC, as the barons carved-up the airtime, programme-makers carved themselves into coteries like Houses at some minor public school. To prosper, you speed of — video pictures. repeats had to be in with one of them Television was involving itself hours; define the Lime Grove House, the in the tide of history like dramas.

a full range of programmes, but didn't really know why. And it began to have less and less idea how — as income from new colour licences tailed off and the political cli-mate turned hostile. The BBC adopted the posture of a span-iel with its legs in the air— vaguely hoping for a benevo-lent tickle, more likely to get a

wallop from a handbag.
Viewers were becoming
more sophisticated, helped by the innovations at Channel 4. But something more profound was happening to television in the late 80s — to its place in the world. And I wanted BBC2 to be part of that. The fall of the Soviet bloc was happening. And it was happening, not just on television, but, in some peculiar way, within televi-sion. Communism was crumbling because of — and at the

ENTERED the BBC's at your leisure. You were allo-revolving doors in 1988 cated them by a department as a general trainee. I called Planning. Planning started work at Bush would always oblige.

period of inertia and lurking was glaringly clear that the forge a real creative partner-planned economy had gone on ship between the "Broadcast" for too long. The BBC faced a area of TV — the bailiwick of the BBC wanted to keep doing static income and the legal the Controllers — and "Prorequirement to take a quarter | duction", us programme-mak of its programmes from inde- ers. No one can overestimate pendent producers. We really did need to find out how much each programme actually cost. And we needed to find out than royal marriages. This is who, exactly, this was all for the age of the deal, and every-to renew our relationship

with viewers and listeners. John Birt asked Liz Forgan and me to conduct a Programme Strategy Review. The challenge was to look hard at what we were doing, why, and for whom. I know that the path we've taken in the 90s has made a difference. When I started at BBC1, I was shocked to learn how threadbare our service was over the spring and summer. Today, the savings we have made — £500 million in five years — have been ploughed back into pro-

full-blown schedule all year, repeats down by hundreds of hours; dozens of hours of new

We each had to write, on a giant piece of paper, what deep down — we most wanted from being at the BBC. I put: 'I want to be good, and I want to be happy'

public-service broadcasting by undermining it — in hugely valuable ways. Channel 4 built a set of strange and wonderful catacombs beneath the Albert petition for audiences than we Memorial that much of televi- had ever seen. Rupert Mursion had become. It gave us doch was on the prowl, with a programmes of the wildest shapes and sizes — pro- was a man with little to learn requently faced with offers grammes that didn't have to be demure, perfectly formed own, very different spin on and presold to Time-Life. The channel had a very clear strategy for everything — which reforming itself with some was ... to be completely unconviction, too, if it wanted to strategic. The place was run by a close-knit junta of com-missioning editors. And they Producer Choice. Producer

Drama Darlings House, the Kensington House. Divided we ruled. By the 30s we probably all needed a shake-up. That came in 1962 with Channel 4. Channel 4 revolutionised multiple engine here are a state of the coming down.

Meanwhile, the BBC, at the coming down. start of the 90s, was running

out of steam and out of money. A deregulated ITV was about to present us with more com-Now, the BBC had to start

But the BBC's financial revolution isn't just about saving money. Once you understand how much a programme is valued in money terms, you get a clearer grasp of its value in the deeper sense. You can make true choices about what

Today, we can at least compare the escalating cost of football directly with the high cost of costume drama in a way we just couldn't before. It allows us to ask — which do we really want to do? What do we owe the viewer in terms of value? Where do our programme priorities lie? With Darcy or Cantona? In this case, our priorities

lay with doing Pride And Prejudice and the Premiership on Match Of The Day. But we worry too much about the budget. Mostly you dealt in budge

one knows their rights. Rights are the lifeblood now.

longer has the luxury to be divided against itself. That statement may sound strange in the light of a reorganisation which some have seen as a dismemberment of the BBC. But in fact the BBC is being cleaved apart so that it can work even better as one. Not long ago, I took advan-tage of one of the many useful seminars that the BBC runs for its staff. This one was all about bonding with one's job and one's colleagues. We each had to write, on a giant piece of paper, what — deep down — we most wanted from being at the BBC. I put: "I want to be good, and I want to be happy." The BBC has been rather good in the 90s. Happiness, though, has been more elusive. We need to recall our sense of vocation; to find more time and space for teamwork again, for creative play. Within a single, united Production com-munity we can do this. We can build a critical mass of pro-gramme-makers. And we can send out bolder signals to writers and performers — draw closer to them.

I know that disaffection among BBC staff is still wide-spread. The process of making economies may have been too dragged out - and the nerves of people worn too thin. But let's also remember that the economies are to do with strengthening what counts. Whatever you might say about the BBC, you can't say it's been timid in the past five years. We've had to change. not for the sake of change, but to survive - and we have to go on changing. We've still got a lot of learning to do.

This is edited from the inaucural Bafta lecture, given last night by Alan Yentob, BBC Director of

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Prototype **Thatcherite**

represented both a declining and a ris-ing force in Conservative politics. Liverpudlian to his finger tips, he was one of the postwar Merseyside MPs influential in Tory fortunes. That influence has been extinguished; there is now not a single Liverpool Conservative MP. On the other hand, by background and outlook he anticipated the classless radicalism that became the hallmark of the Conservative Party in the 1980s. He was a Thatcherite before his time.

Reg Bevins was one of five children, born to a lower middle class family, and educated at the Liverpool Colle-giate school. His early political loyalties were Labour and he served on the Liverpool City Council. His sense of realism led him to support the appeasement policy of Chamberlain and he left Labour after the 1938 Munich you're not'

Wartime army service, first as a gunner, rising to major in the Royal Army Service Corps, was followed by his emergence as an active Liverpool Conservative politician. In the 1945 general election he unsuccessfully contested the Labour seat of West Toxteth. and again failed in the 1947 Edge Hill byelection, although Labour's majority was heavily reduced.

Success came in the 1950 general election, when he was returned for Toxteth. Conservative fortunes in Liverpool had long rested upon a working class Irish Protestant

Virginia Berridge writes: I met Martyn Taylor (obituary,

October 23) when I was

researching my history, AIDS in the UK. While in no doubt

of the importance of gay self help organisation in initial

responses to Aids, Martyn

also showed a wry and sar-

donic appreciation of the inments over strategy and

organisation which had gone

into it. He was an insider, but

with an outsider's apprecia-

tion of events. The effect of

being a person with Aids at-

tracted "groupies", he com-

mented. It was rather like the sanctity of disease in some

African tribes. "People want

to sit at the feet of these

suges." Martyn also had a

strategic awareness of the dif-

ficulties and possibilities

which the changing role of

the voluntary sector and its

funding in government health

and community care policies

presented for organisations

like the Terrence Higgins

Raymond Blanc, chef 47; Maeve Fort,diplomat, High

Commissioner to South Africa, 56; Baroness (Lena) leger, former Labour MP, 81; Dr Ghada Karmi, cam-

paigner for Palestine, 57; Cal-vin Klein, fashion designer,

54: Penclope Leach, psychologist, childcare expert, 59: Admiral of the Fleet Lord

Lewin. former chief of the Naval Staff, 76; David Lloyd-

Jones, opera director, 62;

Bronwen Naish, double

Bassist, 57: Auriol Sinclair,

National Hunt trainer, 78; Dennis Taylor, snooker

player, 47; The Ven Michael

Till. Archdeacon of Canter-

bury, 61; Prof Dame Marga-ret Turner-Warwick, im-

munologist, 72; Mike Vernon, record producer, 52.

Birthdays

Letter

He made a faltering start at Westminster. On his own confession his maiden speech was belligerent and ineffec-

tive. Throughout his parliamentary career he never mastered the art of political charm. The Merseyside accent and somewhat rough manner concealed the man of action rather than the thinker or diplomat. He was well endowed with the qualities of action and stubborn purpose. He put these to effective use,

Next morning he found on his desk a very short note from Macmillan which ran: 'Oh no,

by the Conservative Party. Throughout his political career his skills were used in housing and the Post Office. which then included tele-

After the 1951 general election he was asked by Harold Macmillan to become his parliamentary private secretary. This started a departmental involvement with housing that lasted for nearly a decade, and was not always to the satisfaction of Bevins. The appointment as parliamentary secretary to the Min-Eccles, he described as "stag-

Hugo Buchthal

ern. He belonged to the gen-

eration of German-trained art

historians who changed the

course of teaching and

Born and brought up in Berlin, Buchthal studied art

history and philosophy at the Sorbonne and at Heidelberg

before concentrating on art

history at Hamburg under the

inspiring guidance of Erwin

the Nazis took power in January 1933, Jewish university

Panofsky. A few months after

teachers were dismissed. In

that summer term, Fritz Saxl, director of the Warburg Insti-

tute (Kulturwissenschaftliche

Bibliothek Warburg, as it then was), where Buchthal's

research was centred, told him that he had to finish his

PhD dissertation in two weeks, before the end of term.

It was unlikely, he added, that

the institute would re-open

for the autumn term.

Buchthal had reckoned with

another two years of research, but managed to

complete both dissertation

and course work in record

Saxl's foresight ensured that the Warburg Institute

so unhindered, and the finan-

so unintered, and the finan-cial support of Samuel Cour-tauld — who had recently founded the institute for art history which bears his name — enabled it to move to Lon-don at the end of 1933 and to

establish itself there. Buchthal moved with it; there

were no regular posts for junior staff, but he had vari-

ous grants and was able to study Arabic at the School of

Oriental and African Studies.

that the Warburg Institute few students in his field and moved while it could still do when, in 1965, he was offered

research in this country.

EG BEVINS, who and was particularly anxious leagues, observing that Ernest Marples was often dedirected both a party should be widened. cated to his job, always dedicated to himself." His move to the Ministry of Housing in 1957 was a happy develop-ment. He had the highest regard for the integrity of his minister, Henry Brooke. Yet again Bevins was the junior workhorse, involved in such contentious legislation as the rent bill.

Over the decade he had earned a reputation as a de-pendable minister and a dour Full recognition came after the 1959 general election, when there was nearly a fight at the count in Toxteth: his sympathetic gesture was misinterpreted by his aggressive Labour opponent. Harold Macmillan appointed him

Postmaster General.

It is by this post that he is remembered: after all, that portfolio included responsibility for the broadcast media. On the night in November 1962, when an astonished press and public watched the BBC's first ven-ture into television satire, Bevins was promptly rung up by reporters to discover his reaction. His incautious comment: "I'm going to do some-thing about it," was widely quoted in the morning papers. On his arrival at his office he found on his desk a very short note from Macmil-

Bevins was a tough bargainer contesting interests as widely ranged as the Post Office, the trade unions and the commercial television companies. But here, too, he occasionally felt that his resoing factor from the 1950s on- nation." He could be a sharp occasionally felt that his reso- ceded he was a "doer and not wards. Bevins perceived this judge of ministerial col- lution was not fully supported a talker" and this legislation

and Palestine. From that

time, and uniquely among his peers, he was equally at home in medieval Latin, Greek and

Arabic manuscripts. On his

return to London, like other

members of the Warburg, he

lectured regularly at the

During the war, the War

burg was evacuated to Den-

ham and Buchthal became its

librarian in 1941. After the in-

stitute was incorporated into the University of London at

the end of the war, he com-

bined this position with a lec-tureship in art history, being

promoted to reader in 1949.

sonal chair in the following

But in the 1950s there were

a professorship at the New York Institute of Fine Arts, a

thriving centre of medieval studies, he moved to New York. It was there that he blossomed as a teacher. He at-

tracted a considerable num-ber of doctoral students.

many of whom came to oc-cupy posts in Byzantine and

Western medieval art in American universities and

At the New York Institute,

Courtauld Institute.

Illuminating medieval art

UGO Buchthal, who In 1936-7 he took up a fellow- as at the Warburg, Buchthal's in the 12th and 13th centuries.

has died aged 87, was ship to study Arabic lanst students were postgraduates, an outstanding guage, art and archaeology at but he was also much in deceast and west continued to be scholar of medieval the University of Beirut, from mand to lecture elsewhere, a major focus of his work and a Byzantine and West-where he travelled to Syria both in the US and abroad, formed the subject of several

His growing reputation was main concern was to analyse recognised when he was each miniature in detail and

His broad knowledge and meticulously

professional approach to historical and

visual analysis was a model for students

elected fellow of the British to reconstruct the classical Academy in 1959 and to a per-pictorial models likely to

lan, which ran: "Oh no,



Postmaster General . . . Bevins, flanked by postal boss Sir Ronald German, announces the response to a strike in 1964

by colleagues. This was par-ticularly true of the Post Office trade union pay negotiations that were conducted against the background of an incomes policy. He judged, probably accurately, that he could have concluded a lower pay deal had not colleagues forced him to be unwisely

intransigent.
"You can't win!" he wrote in an article soon afterwards. "The cabinet ignored my advice and I had to carry the

An even greater challenge came with the television bill which regulated the commer cial franchises. Bevins con-ceded he was a "doer and not

particularly in Germany and

in Israel. After retiring in

1975 he returned to London

and to his base at the War-

burg, and continued to trave

widely and to carry out his

working methods may be ap

preciated in his first book

Psalter: a Study in Middle

Byzantine Painting (1938). He

had been a controversial

manuscript in the context of

the 10th century Byzantine Renalssance fostered by the

Emperor Constantine VII. His

His expertise on Islamic art bore fruit in a book and a

series of key articles pub lished in the 1940s.

What was to be his master-piece, Book Illumination in

the Latin Kingdom of Jerusa-lem, followed in 1957. Here he

broke completely new ground, publishing for the first time a whole school of

miniature painting in the Crusading kingdom. His anal-yels of the style and content of

these illuminations threw

new light on the convergence

of Byzantine and Western cul-tures in Jerusalem and Acre

as a Democrat in 1997.

ucceeded in placing what

Buchthal's interests and

research into his eighties.

required qualities of finesse which went well beyond mere

Bevins put his case in a post-ministerial memoir The Greasy Pole (1965). He concluded that Lord Thompson's aphorism that a TV franchise was a license to print money creet." Bevins's dogged resolve to contest the TV lobbyists must have wearied some ministerial colleagues, who felt the sums involved did not justify the hassle. Bevins, through stamina and conviction, mostly won his way, but his ministerial and parliamentary careers were ended by the 1964 general

publications. In the 1970s, he

demonstrated his continued

versatility in publishing

books both on the French and

Troy Romance (Historia

Troiana, 1971), and on later

Byzantine painting (Patronage in 13th century Constanti-

nople, with H Belting, 1978). Buchthal's breadth of

knowledge and his meticu-

lously professional approach

to historical and visual analy-sis served as a model for his

students. He could be terse,

but his advice was always carefully considered and ap-posite. When a student told

him that he was working on the "historical background"

to a work of art, he countered

that "history is the fore-ground and definitely not just the background to visual arte-facts and provides the key to

He was a man of shining in-

egrity in all matters and of

zreat human warmth. He was the most loyal of friends and an amusing and stimulating

Maltschi (née Serkin), an il-lustator of children's books,

was one of sustained mutual

support. His wife sadly out-

lasted him by less than a week; they are survived by

their daughter Anna, a con-sultant anaesthetist.

Sir Ernst Gombrich writes: With the death of Hugo Buchthal the world of learn-

ing has lost one of the last representatives of the great

tradition of German art his-tory, that suffered so griev-

their interpretation."

The Greasy Pole is a suc-cinct and heartfelt account of

his political beliefs. His Liver-

pool and lower middle class background argued for a tive Party, but not one reflecting the social objectives of Rab Butler. He was suspicious of the establishment whom he described as "invisible but ubiquitous", and which had triumphed with the election of Alec Home as Conservative leader. Bevins

quently worked for Francis I made Bevins sceptical of in-Industries, an engineering comes policies and economic firm, until he retired. His talents were not fully utilised. Suez had destroyed the old certainties of foreign policy. Finally he was a remarkably radical parliamentary reformer. He argued for a slimline Westminster with a ession reduced from 33 to 20 weeks and the parliamentary week from five days to three. He was to learn that politicians are far more disposed to

> others rather than their own. John Biffer

reform the institutions of

James Wild

Germain L

A song for everyone

AMES Wild, who has died in a car accident Jaged 68, believed that everyone should be given the opportunity to sing and make music. It was his vision and selfless dedication which gave rise to the national Sing For Pleasure choral move ment, which comes into contact with hundreds of singers and many choirs every year. It offers vocal repertoire, a graded conducting scheme and courses and events for singers and teachers.

In the early 1970s Wild, who was then Bretton Hall College of Higher Education's princi-pal music lecturer, had been introduced to the work of France's A Cocur Joic, It was an approach based on song-learning and teaching by imi-tation. The technique worked well with singers who could not read music and it formed the core of the musical philosophy which he promoted within Sing for Pleasure.

Wild studied plane and organ with Iso Ellinson at the Royal Manchester College of Music. In 1961 he was ap-pointed Oldham education authority's first music organiser and he helped to found Oldham's music centre and its annual music festival.

For three years he was a Workers' Education Association music lecturer and he was also the Royton and the Oldham Musical Societies' musical director. In 1963 he formed two choirs for younger singers: the youth choir won the Llangollen Festival, while the Oldham junior singers toured abroad. He was known in Oldham as

"Mr Music". In 1968 he moved to York-shire and Bretton Hall College. There he trained more than 70 music teachers annually, and conducted the colchoir and Bretton singers. His great pleasure was working with young teachers.

After his early retirement he continued working with singers, conducted the Elysian Singers and the Sterndale Singers and adjudicated for the British Federation of Music Festivals. He was a member and sometime chairman of the executive committee of the British Federation of Young Choirs. He' leaves

Lynda Parker

JIII.

James Wild, music teacher, born August 28, 1928; died October

Death Notices

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81802 evenue, REDDI Helen on 12th November with dig-nity and enlightenment, will be dearly missed by her loving son Birlk, Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon 0171 228 3810. "She shopped "Water drooped".

In Memoriam

Births

To place your ennouncement telephone 0171 713 4567, Fax 0171 713 4129.

John Reginald Bevins, politiciza, born August 20, 1908; died Nohad supported Reginald

Hugo Buchthal . . . blossomed as a teacher in New York

ously at the hands of the in the world's libraries. As a Nazis. He arrived in this dedicated teacher he introcountry in 1934 with the staff of the Warburg Institute, which I joined soon after, and so our friendship extended

over more than 60 years. While still in Germany he had opted for the somewhat neglected and difficult field of Byzantine art and he remained committed to the austere tradition of specialised research in a number of publications that soon gained him the respect of his col-leagues. Widely travelled and cosmopolitan in his outlook, he must have personally ex-amined most of the illumi-nated Byzantine manuscripts

dedicated teacher he intro duced several generations of students in this country and in the United States to his field of study.

Though he appeared generally to be somewhat with drawn and not easy of access it was all the more moving to see his genuine pleasure when a large number of his pupils gathered at the War burg Institute to celebrate his 80th birthday and to acknowl-edge their debt to his lasting inspiration. Hugo Buchthal, art historian

born August 11, 1909, died November 10, 1996

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Power of sauce

SAUCE, as an agent of conevalment, touches upon pow-erful and subtle undercurrents in the modern temperament. No mere dependent or hanger-on, no benign supplement, the sauce clearly has a role to play in the field of cuisine. Yet it cannot be allowed to become an overriding element of the dishes to which it is to be

applied. Sauce requires of the would be interpreter a special capacity for an oblique perceptiveness, a sidelong focus, an attention to silences. Let me take up just one example of the

cruxes any fundamental conmediately confront might one simply eat a sauce by itself? Recently I tried to order just a sauce at a logical restaurant. I encountered a degree of reluctance on the part of the restaurateur that runs fully afoul of the deepes unconcious formations of a culture, crossing against the grain of those categorical as-

sumptions that operate be-

now had existed merely on the abstracted plane of pure

neath the surface of conscious judgment. Just a sauce? The initial res pouse to such an unprecedented request is not even open to resistance but rather an utter lack of comprehension. Before one is even in the position of persuasion, therefore, one finds oneself simply repeating such a request, so that the idea itself might be granted any credence whatso ever: "Yes, I would like just a sauce, a sauce alone. One plate of just sheer sauce." Only sheer repetition can force the idea into some measure of con-cretian — this idea that until

reason as a necessary logical possibility but not as any reality that might, in fact, become manifest. Only sheer repetition can usher into conscious epresentation the sauce itself To be honest. I have to acknowledge my own implication in these prejudicial for-mations, for I was unable, in truth, to muster any enthusi asm for this improbable meal. The lone sauce that I was ulti-

ing glare of a solo perfornance, came to seem deformed, malign, repellent Deprived of any of its usual contextualising rituals and trappings — not just without a foundational "priary" edible but also without the peripheralising comforts of sequestra-tion in the au jus bowl or the gravy boat - the sauce lay perore me as frankly disturb ing culinary pornography. From the Technologies of the Sauce by David Wayne Thomas, in the 96 issue of Raritan.

Election test l. True or False:

a) Bill Clinton plans to register

 b) Bob Dole plans to speak of himself in the fourth person. 2. The key issue of the 1996 Presidential election was: a) Ralph Nader's inexplicable failure to seize the loose-railings safety issue; b) Bob Dole's hobby gap; c) Madouna's baby's name; d) Staying awake. l'est Tip 1: Use two matchsticks to prop your eyelids itely served, forced as it was into the mercilessly objectify-Bob Dole galvanised the

Republican convention by: a) Arriving two nours late: b) Challenging President Clinton to also blow up fifty soccer c) Telling the audience to smoke 'em if you got 'em.' 4. Elizabeth Dole is not related

a) G. Gorden Liddy; c) Lizzie Borden; d) Women's Lib. l'est Tip 2: Sleepiness can be fended off by slapping yourself about the face with an open 5. Bob Dole resigned from the US Senate in order to become:

b) Just a man from Kansas;

a) Just a man:

c) A man, a plan, a canal, Panama.

The Gore-Kemp Vice Presidential debate drew lowest ever TV ratings because it ran opposite PBS's "Nova: The Big Bands Search for the Lost City of Urbar, Hosted by Louis Rukeyser" 7. In thirty seconds, arrange

New Hampshire Primaries/catatonia/lowa cau-cuses/Zombification/"I'm a Dole man"/Spastic colon. 16. (Optional) Can you remember who you voted for in the Presidential election? Quiz ends here. The person with the most correct answers (and five million Indonesian rupiah) will be ap-pointed Ambassador to Luxembourg. Quiz ends here. Hello? Can you hear this? Quiz ends here. Wake up! Bruce McCall testing your

Party hop THE secret of a successful

post-election IQ in the New

Answer Yes or Yes Indeed the following word clusters into their natural groupings

party, whatever the original

purpose, is to get the four in-gedients right — the guests, the food and drink and a facing when it stops has to put a thumb to each ear and waggle their hands pretending to be a bunny. The rest of the guests follow suit and the person in the middle judges rough outline of the evening entertainment . . . Here is a selection of easy fun games designed to involve everyon who is last to copy the bunny. and get people laughing at the That person pays a forfeit and then goes in the middle to be expense of others' antics... Bunny: This is a late evening judge for next spin. If you think it's easy, try it after a game of forfeits when the drink has been flowing sevfew drinks!

eral hours. One person is cho-You would need to play this sen to spin an empty bottle on the floor in the middle of the after more than a few drinks. Adult party games from the Durham Advertiser. Thanks room. Whoever the neck is o John Tiernev.

NEW YORKER Face facts

PSYCHIATRISTS say that one in four people are mentally ill. Check three friends. If they're OK, you're it. Sex is not the answer. Sex is the question. "Yes" is the

Nothing in the known universe travels faster than a bad

Always remember to pillage BEFORE you burn. The trouble with doing something right the first time is that nobody appreciates

It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others. The average woman would rather have beauty than brains, because the average

man can see better than he can Paranoids are people, too; they have their own problems It's easy to criticise, but if everybody hated you, you'd be paranoid, too. Clothes make the man.

Naked people have little or no influence on society. Vital papers will demonstrate their vitality by moving

from where you left them to where you can't find them. Law of Probability Dis-

persal: Whatever it is that hits the fan will not be evenly The facts of life from the Usual SUSpects listserver.

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Rail firm to cut 3,000 jobs

Freight operator says it is on track for profit-making that is the case."

BR's freight business was by the Government, but Mr. Considerate has brought them

RITAIN'S largest privatised freight rail company is to cut 3,000 of its 7,000 staff over the next three years in an attempt to turn years of state loss-mak-ing into profit, its chief execu-

Rowland

lashes

out at

board

_onrho

IAN KING meets

the company's

angry founder

"INY Rowland, founder and former chairman of Lonrho, last night

savaged the company's board after his loyal army of small shareholders was

outgunned by institutional investors over the sale of

the Metropole botel chain.

At an extraordinary gen-eral meeting at Kensington

Lonrho won approval for the £327 million sale in the

face of opposition from Mr Rowland and his support-

But speaking at his Bel-

gravia home shortly before

flying to South Africa,

where President Nelson Mandela was due to award

him the Order of Good

Hope — the highest honour a foreigner can receive —

Mr Rowland, who has

Lourho board since he was

ousted in a boardroom coup

last year, also defended his

controversial sale, in 1992.

of a one-third stake in Me-

eign Investment Company,

tropole to the Libyan For-

en highly critical of the

was "an act of madness"

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Ed Burkhardt, the American entrepreneur who bought British Rail's four freight companies for \$250 million in February, said that wide-ranging job cuts — 43 per cent of current staff — were neces-sary to make the company competitive. They would be complemented by a reduction in costs to clients. English, Welsh and Scottish try, followed by steel. After

Burkhardt has brought them together again under a single management because he and his senior colleagues found it was the most efficient way to run the business. The cuts are much resistance from the cept 10,000 job losses since the industry was privatised. Mr Burkhardt's single big-gest client is the coal indus-

Railway, told the Guardian:
"We are looking at all aspects of our business very carefully. We have already reduced our labour force from 7.500 to 7.000 and a further reduction to 4.000 must be achieved very quickly. Sadly, that is the case."

ER's freight business was sold off as three separate lots by the Government, but Mr Burkhardt has brought than the concerned at the lack of Burkhardt has brought than the concerned at the lack of the company, which is was one of the bidders to be invited to submit a final it was one of the bidders to be invited to submit a final tender for the franchise to operate ScotRail and North was pegging fares at current prices from January 7 on the LTS line.

Fares for peak-time travel will increase by an average cisions are still pending, but if it secures either line, Stage-

broad-band radios in train op-erations and is to discuss the safety implications with Railtrack. Railtrack.
Only 12 of British Rail's 25
former rail passenger franchises now remain to be disposed of before the next election. Competition is mounting for the rest of the

network.

Prism Rail, which already
the commuter line be-

concerned at the lack of

will increase by an average 22 per cent, ranging from under 1 per cent for mainline season tickets to about 4 per cent for season tickets. Cheap day-return fares will drop on

average by 4 per cent.

Prism said that busines had increased since it took over the franchise earlier this sources suggest that there has been a general increase in traffic following the end of the

cisions are still pending, but if it secures either line, Stagecoach will become the bigges rail operator.

It disclosed yesterday a £77 million order for 625 buses for 1997 and options on another 250 from UK manufacturing plants owned by Volvo of Sweden. Barry Hinkley, senior board member, said the buses would replace

not fill tax bill

Cash influx may

Edited by

Alex Brummer

VER much of the past year, the great lament from HM Treasury has been about the lack of corpobeen about the lack of corpo-ration tax and VAT receipts.

In October, like General Blücher at the field of Water-loo, a torrent of receipts ar-rived just in time. With seven days to go before Chancellor Kenneth Clarke's Budget, receipts from corporation tax have soared 24.4 per cent year on year, VAT is up 46.8 per cent and income tax 20.5 per cent. All of this has pushed the public finances into the the public finances into the deep black, generating a budget surplus for the month of £4.39 billion.

The figures are so stun-ningly good, causing surprise bordering on ecstasy among the normally miserable City scribblers, that the Treasury apparently felt the need to hose them down. The concern now is that backbench Tories will assume the problem in the public finances is over and it is chocks away for a tax-cutting Budget without risking the charge of finan-cial profligacy and even higher gilt yields.

The case against reading too much into the data is twofold. First, the corporation tax collection in October is more representative of the fiancial sector of the economy than manufacturing — which is doing less well — so it gives too flattering a picture, with the prospect that the January payments will be less buoy-

Second, the pattern of VAT ability of certain companies to pay quarterly, October being one of those months. However, even if these factors are worked into the analysis, the data still look encouraging. It is to be expected that, with the economy growing faster than expected, in-creasing numbers of people in work and diposable income rising (stimulating expendi-ture and therefore VAT), tax That is how fiscal stabilisers work and it is among the reasons that helped bring the US budget deficit down to

Mr Clarke has not quite put Sir John snapped: "You know the way it's going to the UK public finances in this position yet, partly because tropole."

Another shareholder, going to change the ways calling for Mr Rowland's things come out." ning above forecast, which is ning above forecast, which is new names to the 4.5 million not that remarkable in the If Otto catches the habit is election run-up. However, there is a strong possibility that the Chancellor can bring in this year's public sector borrowing requirement at well below the summer forecreating some headroom for that little extra off taxation | their share of the market is next week. That may sustain the "feel good" factor into

financial year.

demand can bring difficulties

Utilities bluster

PRE-ELECTION politicking does not come much ugiter than when practised by Brian Mawhinney, His pugnacious style may be Central Office's idea of the best way of taking on the flimsy policies of New Labour, but there are few spectacles as unedifying as the party chairman in full

The true measure of his po-litical worth ought to be how often he gets the analysis right. On this he does not score highly. Yesterday's mock indignation about Labour's plans for a windfall tax on the privatised utilities took Dr Mawhinney's black arts to even inkier depths

Using research published four months ago by the US bank Goldman Sachs, he assumes that Labour will levy £5 billion from the utilities. Then, dividing that sum by the number of customers served by the companies, he comes up with the assertion that it will cost each £192, as if the utilities would be allowed to pass on the cost of the tax in higher prices. This said, Dr Mawhinney

was "heartstopping", railing against a tax on "bills, jobs and pensions". In fact, the record of the utilities on bills is mixed, and on jobs appalling, and pensioners have already criticised the £27 million made by a small band of elec-tricity industry executives whose companies have been traded on the market.

The Tories have decided to target the windfall tax — Michael Heseltine also had a conference. But it is dodgy for the party and politically inept to pick a fight on the utilities.

Telekom debut

UT to one side, for a mo-ment, the likes of Lufthansa and Veba. German capitalism has reached a Deutsche Telekom. The issue was always likely to be a hit with foreign investors, offering exposure to German marks, telecoms and Europe simultaneously.

The key question for Ger-

many, however, is how the issue plays with the country's small shareholders, brought up on a model of capitalism characterised by bonds banks and a raft of unquoted

Mittelstand companies So far, so good. SdK, a small shareholders' group, reckons the Deutsche Telekom flotawill be a boon to those who want to see more companies

coming to the stock market.
UK experience suggests. sailing. Privatisation has more than tripled the number of small shareholders, but barely half the level of two decades ago. Institutions acnext year. But, as former count for the bulk of the rest. Chancellor Nigel Lawson As the portfolios of, say, Deutwould testify, cutting taxes in a period of buoyant domestic Germany is not short of those.

There is no suggestion of Attacking Sir John pole to the Scottish hotel power station

tricity generator has brought one of its oldest power stations out of moth-balls to keep the lights on this With the south braced for

the first snows, it emerged last night that the National Grid had ordered National otl-fired power station in Pembroke. South Wales, amid concern that supplies could In an indication of the National Grid's concern to avoid a repetition of last winbe inadequate.

ter's near-collapse of the national transmission system, the 500-megawatt unit was brought back on stream last week to make up for the temporary closure of a damaged plant at Aberthaw. The move comes amid a

growing row over a Govern-ment-backed scheme to allow ition to the Office of Fair Tradgas-fired power stations to op- | ing.

erate using expensive back-up fuels — and to pass the costs through to customers. Meanwhile, the regional

Chalker [then foreign sec-retary and overseas devel-

this country from Libya, then good luck to you.'"

electricity company Northern Electric promised to pay shareholders a special divi-dend of 56.5p a share next February, should it escape the £766 million hostile takeover bid from US group Calknergy. In its first formal defer ated that the US offer under valued the company. But the company failed to produce its half-year results yesterday as intended. Northern said the figures were being audited. CalEnergy said there was nothing new in Northern's de-

Shares in Northern closed 14p down at 595p as the mar-ket considered the likelihood of the bid being blocked by the Trade and Industry Secretary, Ian Lang, amid sugges-tions that industry watchdog Prof Stephen Littlechild had

Wise Women

in Friday's paper the Quartilen's distinguis panel of economic advisers offers its election budget strategy to the Chancellor, based upon expert knowledge and insight into the real economy.

The panel's assessment of the economy, ablic finances and taxation opens the partial and taxa

Grid unlocks old | George defends Bank's dual role

Mark Milner Deputy Financial Editor

to investigate the deal.

ANK of England Governor Eddie George last night rejected MPs' arguments that the Bank's dual role of monetary policy adviser and banking supervisor might be too much for it to In robust exchanges with members of the House of

without clearance from | any wrongdoing by Mr | Leahy, Lonrho's chairman,

tioned the recent sale of

Douglas Rurd and Lynda Hurd or Baroness Chalker. Chalker [then foreign sec Mr Rowland also ques-

opment minister]. I shares by Lourho's former lunched with them at the chief executive, Dieter

hunched with them at the Chief executive, Dieter Carlton Gardens, and Douglas Hurd said, If you can bring £177 million into this country from Libya, the European Commission

Commons Treasury select committee, Mr George said the Bank had "sharpened up its act" in the wake of the collapse of Barings. He also revealed that the Bank was close to choosing an outsider to head its qual-

anervision department Labour MP Diane Abbott told Mr George: "Every time lems at JMB, BCCI and Bar-you come before this commit-ings had cost neither the deee you tell us three things:

as "bought hook, line and sinker by Bock", Mr Row-land said Sir John's pairing

with new chief executive Nick Morrell was "a joke".

Earlier, shareholders

queued up to condemn Sir John's chairmanship of

Lonrho, and in particular

the group's sale of Metro-

After the fray . . . An outspoken Tiny Rowland at home last night after the vote went against him at yesterday's meeting

We have the best supervisory | penny system, banks will fail, we are sharpening up our act,". The learned the lessons of John-son Matthey Bank and the Bingham report into the col lapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. Defending the Bank's role, Mr George asked committee members to look at what had

ity-control unit, which it is of some big banks in Scandi- formation it could in the light setting up to monitor the navia and problems experi-standards achieved by its enced by the Japanese bank-In the UK, he said, the prob-

holder, calling for Lonrho

to retain Metropole, even

called for the Libyans to be

invited to reinvest. He said: "The Libyans have done a

deal with the IRA, and so if

I wanted to stay in a hotel in London, I'd stay in a Me-

group Stakis. One share- | reinstatement. decribed

its captain"

positor por the taxpayer "a Ms Abbott asked whether she said, had not feet in disclosing information to the Singapore authori-

ties in the wake of the col-lapse of Barings — brought down in 1995 by some £860 million of losses incurred by rogue trader Nick Leeson on the Singapore and happened to Credit-Lyonnais Mr George argued that the in France, the nationalisation Bank had disclosed all the in-

of legal advice it was given. The Governor rejected any suggestion that there was "creative tension" in its dual roles as supervisor of the banking system and adviser on monetary policy. There might on occasion, he con-Ms Abbott asked whether ceded, be "inconveniences" the Bank had "dragged its but there were considerable synergies between the two

Lonrho as a "ship without

Later, when Mr Row

land's supporters at-

tempted to call for the

meeting to be adjourned,

Mr George surprised some MPs when he argued that a parent company should fully support an overseas subsidiary that got into difficulties.
"If it does not then the dam-

Buenos Aires exchange dips into soccer's transfer market

THE business pages of newspapers in Argentina will soon be the source of footballers' form as well as stories about their clubs'

Mork Milber

The Buenos Aires Stock Rechange has just given the go-ahead to plans to list the stantial cash investment the Argentinian transfer market. Exchange presimarket. Exchange presimarket. Exchange presimarket. themselves, but in players' contracts.
The aim is to use the cash

raised by the fund to help finance the purchase of soccer experts to help as-young, promising players sess deals. To ensure fair for one of Argentina's leading clubs, Boca Juniors. The fund will take a per-Argentinian FA. centage of any subsequent But won't other clubs cry such as River Plate will companies. Soccer is, aft transfer fee if the player is foul? Not according to Dr quickly follow suit. The all, a game of two halves.

sold on. If, for example, the fund pays 50 per cent of the original transfer it will pick up half the subsequent fee. If a player looks like spending the rest of his career at Boca, then the club will have to buy out the fund's interest in his contract at market value. the fund aims to raise \$20 million (£12.5 million) and will recruit a panel of



predicts that Boca rivals such as River Plate will

fund is clearly looking to recruit soccer fans — the ninimum investme be 100 pesos (£66).

Dr Macchi is expecting the fund to bring life to the transfer system. If a player

Exchange as well as the plays well, he says, the share price will go up. If he loses form, then it will go down. "If a player gets picked for Argentina, then his price could double or treble." Investor fans who see their hero on the receiving end of a lucrative bid could face a conflict of in-terest, though.

Though the fund will be an unusual corporate en-tity, it will issue interim figures like conventional companies. Soccer is, after

Mattel buys up Tyco's toybox

Liee Buckingham

OYMAKER Mattel trumped neck-and-neck rival Hasbro yesterday to dominate this year's Christmas stockings. The California-based group

best known for Barbie dolls has agreed to pay \$755 million (£455 million) to buy Tyco whose toybox includes Matchbox cars and Sesame Street

crease Mattel's sales to about \$5 billion a year, giving it a comfortable lead over Hasbro What used to be an industry — maker of Action Man and of small and medium sized Monopoly — which was itself companies, often with family the target of a \$5.2 billion bid ownership, has become the from Mattel nine months ago. Acquisition of Tyco, America's third biggest toy manu- brand names.

Toymakers are also seeing their marketing budgets soar and are in a ferocious battle to secure lucrative ties with The deal is expected to in- TV and film companies to

facturer, will give the com-bined group about 19 per cent of the US market alone.

The merger is another con-

traction among the world's biggest toymakers who have been trying to improve profit-ability by producing in low-

cost countries and pumping

more through their global dis-

fiefdom of a handful of global players with a cascade of

TOURIST RATES — BANK SELLS

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haly 2,478 Maita 0.5750 Netherlands 2,7850 New Zealand 2,2850 Norway 10.28 Portugal 247.00 Saudi Arabia 6.2

Spain 205.00 Sweden 10.86 Switzerland 2.05



leady scenes in Frankfurt yesterday as investors buy into Deutsche Telekom

Deutsche Telekom debut whets appetite for privatisation menu Bonn serves up Lufthansa, to feed taste for sell-offs

David Gow and Julia Giertz

HEO WAIGEL, Germany's embattled finance minister, yes-terday seized on the shareholder value by disclos-ing he intends to sell the Bonn government's remaining 36 per cent stake in Lufthansa, the national flag-carrier, in the next few months.

Fighting against the odds to cut the federal budget deficit to meet the Maastricht criteria for the single European currency, Mr Waigel held out the prospect of the Lufthansa sale — which could net DM2.8 billion (£1.12 billion) — "this

His announcement came as shares in Deutsche Telekom rose in both Germany and New York, netting a substan-tial profit for the 2 million private and institutional investors on the first day of trading in its \$8 billion partial flotation. Shares in Tele-kom rose almost 20 per cent from the offered price of DM28.50 to DM34.10 after opening at DM33.20. They closed at DM33.90, a DM5.40 premium, with almost 24 milion shares changing hands. Analysts expect the share to DM36. "I think that mostly

their shares to institutions," Pierre Drach, an analyst at Independent Research in Frankfurt, said. He added that lots of private investors had not been not able to sell their shares because banks were not ready yesterday. Mr Drach believes that the

issuing price for the next year at least, although he deems the share to be too expensive Both government and banks, he said, wanted to keep the shares high before the next tranche was sold off.

Deutsche Telekom said: 'We are not euphoric, but the we are not explain it, but me price satisfies us. The real work will start now, because we have to justify the price to our shareholders by sound strategy and management."

Less startling gains were made on Wall Street where the shares, in the form of US depositary receipts, were set at \$18.89 and were trading at a little below \$22. Ron Sommer, Telekom chairman, flew Concorde to New York to attend the launch of what promises to be the world's biggest ini-

tial public offering.

Mr Sommer highlighted the growing weight attached to shareholder value in Germany's traditional stakeholder culture by setting the task of becoming a more customer-friendly and capable money for the cash-strapped building companies and service provider. "I know that exchequer, which is transfer torway service stations.

German privatisation

we're still a long way from | ring DM200 billion a year to our goal but we're already changing with great speed." This initial sale and the further tranche due to be sold off by the end of 1999 will reduce Bonn's stake in Telekom to two-thirds, but at no benefit to the federal budget. The Cabinet hopes to reap up to DM5 billion from the three-

Shares in Lufthansa will be sold to investors after last week's go-ahead from the European Commission and there is talk in Germany of privatising state and municipal airports, netting more money for the cash-strapped

stage sell-off of the Postbank

between 1997 and 1999.

But the biggest prize is not due until the new millennium, when the heavily subsidised, loss-making German Railways (Deutsche Balun) are due to be sold-off after a 10year "recovery" programme that began in 1994. The stateowned firm, now a pic, could raise several billion marks. but analysts refused to put a

price on it yesterday. Since 1982 the government has sold off stakes in 500 companies raising DM18 billion. In 1997 it hopes to raise a turther DM12 billion from selloffs, including shares in building companies and no

Migraine drug breakthrough boost to biotechnology firm

RITAIN'S fledgling blo-Btechnology sector received a boost yesterday as shares of the Vanguard Medica Group rose 12 per cent to 567p on news that a new anti-migraine drug it is to a multi-billion-dollar pay-

Vanguard — which raised £46.5 million from a sensa-tional stock market launch in May, when its shares jumped nearly 🖭 in their first day of trading — is one of a number of companies vying to develop ents for n

successfully completed mid-

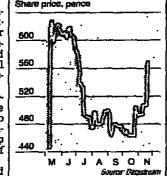
move to final testing of the drug, named VML 251, added more than £14 million to its stock market value.

Robert Mansfield, chief ex ecutive, said the company expected to submit the drug for regulatory approval at the beginning of 1999 and would then see what the powerful US Food and Drug Adminis tration thought of it. He sald SmithKline Bee-

cham, the group's corporate partner, which is paying to develop the drug, "has confirmed its intention to take up the worldwide marketing of the compound".

Some 6 per cent of men and News that Vanguard had 18 per cent of women suffer Mansfield noted that Glaxo from migraine, so there is ob- Wellcome was selling around stage clinical trials and would | viously a large market. Mr | £700 million-worth a year of | up 146 per cent at £4.1 million.

Vanguard Medica Group



its anti-migraine compour Imigran.
In a separate development

Celsis, a biotechnology com pany developing hygiene and microbial detection equipment, said yesterday that i was moving closer to profitability.

Mark Clement, the finance director, said the group was "on a roll", with revenues improving sharply and losses reduced in the first half of the ear to £2.7 million. Mr Clement said the group

had already passed the invest-ment phase and was ahead of the pack in the biotechnology sector because it was market-

Sales in the first half were

Thorn is not too proud to scoop up crumbs from the poor man's table

OUTLOOK/Post-divorce life might not win French approval, but it does make money. ROGER COWE reports

CHORN of EMI, Thorn | terday, continuing the de-Smight well be distaste-ful, but it is definitely profitable. The company was once a successful manufacturer of electrical equipment — from light bulbs to hi-tech gadgetry. Then it fell into an illstarred merger with EMI, which ended earlier this year, but not before participating rather too enthusi-astically in the decline of

Britain's manufacturing Now Thorn rents out the equipment it used to make, and makes nothing except profits. The first six months' profits, reported yesterday, are substan-tially down, but behind that drop is a growing business with the poor and dis-advantaged, which some

claim amounts to usury. The newly independent business is based on Radio Rentals. For years the chain has rumbled along away from the glare of publicity, which was more likely to fall on EMI's latest star pop group or on the less successful retail chain, Rumbelows, which finally

closed two years ago. That closure has now come back to haunt Thorn. explaining the drop in

Rumbelows' shops were sold to the German com-puter chain Escom, which promptly went bust. Now the premises have reverted to Thorn it has had to take a charge of £33 million, wiping out a 10 per cent rise in operating profit in the first half of the year. Along with cautious com-ments on next year's pros-pects, that helped drive down the share price yes-

cline since demerger. The rental business was not neglected during the conglomerate years, despite the many other issues clamouring for attention within Thorn-EMI.

In an attempt to interna tionalise, despite the grim experience of its main rival Granada with efforts to move abroad, the US busi-Rent-aquired, as well as operations in Scandinavia.

In the six months just finished, the Americas ac- over again until the total

Stock market value £1.4bm

profit as Britain, but the US business has also contrib-uted the new ideas which have attracted controversy on both sides of the Atlan-

Thorn's attempt to transfer the much-criticised Crazy George's inner city store concept to France ended (temporarily, Thorn says) after four hours on the Saturday before last. The French authorities

complained that Thorn's attempts to explain its rentto-own-contract were inadequate, and gave people the impression that for just a francs they con TV, fridge or dining table. In reality, the few francs have to be paid over and

Main activity:

Consumer rental of electrical

Thorn

. 7

has caused outrage in France as well as in the Us might seem curious, sinc lt is a familiar phenome-non, which used to be known as hire purcha Just think, if you can bear it, about how much

you will actually end up paying the building society for your house, compared with the apparent price. Or look at the interest bill on your credit card, compared with the cash price. The problem is not in the

principle, however, but in the price. And Thorn is accused of charging excessive interest to poor people In the US it has faced a series of court cases, state by state, with critics arguing that these deals should be regulated in the same way as straightforward credit. Thorn has won most

of them, on the grounds

that it offers more than fi-

nance, giving customers the option of returning the goods to end the contract, and other services.
Thorn chief executive Mike Metcalf argued ves-terday that the proof of the pudding was in the eating, with surveys showing great customer satisfaction. Mr Metcalf can point to the lack of outrage at the expansion of Crazy George's in Britain, although that might say more about the

effect of 17 years of Conservative government.

Meanwhile he is clearly relishing the high profile that demerger and Crazy George's has brought. As part of a move to broaden the product base, he is thinking of becoming a used car salesman, on the grounds that Thorn's expertise in managing financial relationships could be applied to that dismal

what would the French

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QC says power boss used inside | News in brief information to buy shares

Dan Atkinson

FORMER Eastern Electric-ity director Douglas Swinused inside information about a U-turn on price regulation to buy shares in another power company, the Crown alleged yesterday.

Dr Swinden, a 53-year-old metallurgist who served as had sight of a letter from industry regulator Professor Stephen Littlechild in 1994 in which he proposed to soften what had originally been a tough programme of price cuts to benefit the consumer. Snaresbrook crown court,

east London, was told These proposals, said Clare Montgomery QC, prosecuting, were to remain under wraps until August 11. But she alleged Dr Swinden bought 2,000 hares in the southern Seeboard company on August 1. "Dr Swinden was in a privi-

leged position compared to anyone else who was thinking about buying shares. He knew there was good news around the corner and bought those shares when he should not have," said Mrs Montgomery.

Prof Littlechild's announce completed. The case continues.

ment boosted the value of

Hill, Ipswich, denies two charges of insider dealing. The Department of Trade

and industry says Dr Swinden bought the shares as a

result of his awareness of information contained in a let-

ter dated July 24 from Prof

Littlechild to the chief execu-

tive of Eastern. This informa-

tion allegedly related to

"issues of securities", namely

the regional electricity com-panies. Seeboard, it says, was

one of the "price-affected

Dr Swinden was given the

letter setting out the new proposals and on July 29, 1994, the board of Eastern Electricity ac-

cepted the deal, said the

Crown.
Dr Swinden had been strat-

egy director of Eastern Group, the owner of Eastern Electric-

securities".

Stock rose 100n in a month. Dr Swinden, of Constitution

Homeworkers seek electricity company shares, she added, and Seeboard to plug loophole

LABOUR today throws its weight behind the demand for employment rights for Britain's one million homeworkers. It backs the launch of a charter aimed at ending the legal loophole which classifies the vast majority as self-employed. The Homeworkers' Employment Charter, drawn up by the National Group on Homeworking, argues that the definition of most homeworkers as individual sub-contractors instead of employees denies them basic rights, such as protection from unfair dismissal, sick pay and maternity leave. The NGH wants a statutory definition of self-employment, a shift in the burden of proof to employers, an enforcement agency, and social security and taxation reforms. — Seumos Milne

Pearson eyes South Africa

PEARSON, the media and entertainment group, admitted it was in negotiations to buy a stake in two South African newspapers — Business Day and the weekly Financial Mail. There has been speculation that Pearson was interested in a deal with Times Media, which owns the titles, but the British group said discussions were still at a "deeply early" stage. — Lisa Buckingham

Sumitomo forecasts first loss

ity, having worked for the East Midlands Electricity Board. He joined Eastern as director of marketing in 1987. Eastern has SUMITOMO will report its half-year earnings today amid continued fallout from its disclosure of a \$2.6 billion (£1.625 billion) loss on illicit copper trading. The Japanese trading company estimates it will report a pre-tax loss of 150 billion yen (£311 million) for the year ending Merch 21. since been acquired by Hanson and Dr Swinden left the group shortly after the takeover was shortly after the takeover was year earlier. That would be Sumitomo's first loss in its 77-year history. For the half-year ended September 20, the company expects a net loss of 217 billion yen. — Bloomberg

Tour match: Australian Cricket Academy v England A

Shah catches Marsh's eye

Andy Wilson
In Mount Gambler

NDREW HARRIS and Michael Vaughan played the leading England A's third consecutive tour victory, but it was Mark Butcher and Owais Shah who most impressed Rod Marsh over the four days. The former Australia wicketkeeper, now head coach at the Academy, picked out the 18-year-old Shah in particular as one to watch after he steered the tourists past a modest target of 162 with a mature unbeaten 43.

"The young fella played well was how be Gluss Academy of the first five wickets to fall well." said Marsh. "File and to five glimpses of his natural talent with some remarkable shots. Yesterday he was promoted to No. 3 because of Jason Gallian's hand in jury — which will keep the Lancashire opener out of England's next game against Victoria starting on Thursday — and batted beautifully.

So did Vanghan, setting England well on the way to their seven-wicket victory with 70 from 87 balls including 11 fours and a five off the helmet; his square driving was especially productive.

Harris had laid the foundations of success, taking three of the first five wickets to fall the down to five success, taking three of the first five wickets to fall the down to be success.

South Wales XI in Tamworth, the Karachi-born Shah has continued to give glimpses of his natural talent with some remarkable shots. Yesterday he was promoted to No. 3 because of Jason Gallian's hand in jury — which will keep the Lancashire opener out of Englands a First and Headley will be heart in Judge tast bowlers on good, flat, hard wickets when the sun is out." Harris and Headley will be heart jurge to bowle well but it's hard to judge under these conditions. I'd rether judge fast bowlers on good, flat, hard wickets when the sun is out." Harris and Headley will be heart judge fast bowlers on good, flat, hard wickets when the sun is out." Harris and Headley will be heart judge fast bowlers on good, flat, hard wickets when the sun is out." Harris and Headley will be foundations. To read the sun in judge fast bowlers on good, flat, "The young fella played well," said Marsh. "His and

Butcher's were the two most impressive innings."

Shah, who will take mock A-levels when the party returns in December, was the youngest player in this match. He force a very differnment. match. He faces a very different cricketing education with Middlesex from the three Middlesex from the three teenagers in the Academy side, Dominic Thornley, Brad Haddin and Don Nash, none of whom has yet played a first-class game. But Marsh said: "If he keeps playing his

tions of success, taking three of the first five wickets to fall

as the Academy slumped from their overnight 70 for two to 129 for eight. The 23-year-old Derbyshire seamer had missed the first two games of the tour with injury and ill-ness, then failed to take a wicket on his first appearance in Adelaide. But he bowled said: "If he keeps playing his shots like that he won't go far wrong."

Although he had not passed 30 in four innings since his pair of seventies in the opening fixture against a New off the prich at a lively pace to complete figures of five for 61, helped by three excellent catches from Warren Hegg.

Marsh, however, high-lighted a significant difference between Harris's performance and Dean Headley's

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West Indies crash as Warne gains Test call-up

WEST INDIES suffered a worrying 10-wicket defeat in their final warm-up match before the first Test West Indies' humiliation declared. Victoria's Matthew Elhott, who scored 158 in the first innings, comes into the Test squad at the in the first innings, comes into the Test squad at the expense of Michael Slater.

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Driving force . . . Vaughan fires England towards victory at Mount Gambier

Racing

Jockey Club give warning to the fixers

Graham Rock

HE Jockey Club has strengthened its hand in dealing with owners, trainers, jockeys and stable lads who regularly associate with criminals, an activity which contravance the Pulce which contravenes the Rules

Over the past few years the Club's security department has recruited and operated informants who have reported details of those who seem to find it more convenient to ar-range the results of races be-fore the borses have left the starting stalls.

A small minority infringes the regulations and the Li-censing Committee has been given powers to warn for-mally individuals known to have been associating with criminals or with bookmakers of dubious reputation.
In the first instance a warning will be considered appro-

priate but persistent offend-ers would be liable to have their licences withdrawn. Warnings would normally be given when the licence was renewed. If ignored, the com-

renewed. If ignored, the committee could convene a hearing at which the defendant could be legally represented.

"Even though there may not be sufficient evidence to indicate that a breach of the rules has taken place or has been planned, the Jockey Club would not be acting in recipe's best interests if such racing's best interests if such situations were ignored," said spokesman David Pipe.

Recently two apprentices, Robert Havlin and Fergus Lynch, were warned that their behaviour had been unacceptable and the new guide-lines were issued to strengthen the Club's control over those who abuse their

Charls Robarts, a punter owed almost £12,000 by SP Racing, took the bookmaker before Tattersall's Committee yesterday when, after listening to some of the evidence,
the members adjourned the
hearing until December 17.
Sonny Purcell atended the
meeting on behalf of SP Racing. He told the committee

ing. He told the committee that he was not a director of the company, that other individuals were involved and that he was not liable for the

At an earlier meeting with the punter. Purcell had agreed to repay the debt at £500 a week. On the day that the first instalment was due he received notice from Tatterall's that he was required. tersall's that he was required to explain why he had not settled, and he cancelled the arrangement.

"I'm a honorable man, I'm very confident of this and that's why I'll be coming back. I want it opened out and investigated," Purcell said. SP Racing, launched last year, was attractive to punters because it offered favourable rates of deductions for betting duty. SP Racing no longer has the

facility to offer bets to punt-ers using Switch and Delta because Barclays Bank has withdrawn facilities. The company owns two betting shops, in Harrow and in Chel-tenham, which are still

trading.
Robarts was required to lodge a non-refundable de-posit of £750 calculated on a sliding scale, with Tattersall's Committee in order to pursue arbitration.

Michael Singer, of the National Association for the protection of Punters, said it as "an abomination" that his members had to pay in order

against Australia, starting by an Australian XI came in Brisbane on Friday. And after they had to follow on the return of Shane Warne, in reply to the home side's selected yesterday in the first innings of 544 for four

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- 1	6	110-005 QUEEDPS BIGHERIA (7) P Cole 5-9-7	
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	10 00 ZONBO (22) R Roser 9-0	102 D5 BLUE LUGARÁ (10) N Bycrot 4-11-0
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	12 20000 NYSTERY (7) 5 Dov 6-9	104 CUTHELL HOPE M Tomptims 5-11-0K Quala (3)
		105 0- FATEER GERARD (2063 B Rathwell 5-11-0
	13 - CVYER THE MOON M Fetherston-Godley 8-8	106 440-4 CALIEN (13) Mrs M Reveloy 5-11-0 P Nove 107 16- HERRECAME LAMP (265) D Nicholson 5-11-0 A Nicyole
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	4 09643 BALMSKY (12) J Berry 8-9P Roberts (5) 7 8 3-0400 Comment for (16) J Hills 8-8D Reland 2	
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	Cressing. Brusses	MURRICANE LAMP: Held up, ridden over 5 aut, leded over 3 aut, 8th of 22, bits 191, to Marching Margols
	Acoupt.	(Sendown 2s. 118yds NH Flat, Gd-Std.
	2.22	CALEDI: Held on, stayed on from two out, never nearer, 4th of 14, bin 211, to Advence East (Heydock 2m nov
	3.20 PESETA MANDICAP (DIV 2) fam 20 12,048	bd, Gd.
	7 55520 MYFORTAME (21) (D) K hory 9-0-11 D Miggs 5	CLAVERBIG: Prominent, led 19 out, headed entering times lurlong, one page, 2nd of 12, 21 behind
	2 200504 KETTY KETTY CANCAN (21) Lady Herrics 5-9-10	Claverhouse (Ayr 2m, NH Flet, Go-Fm).
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H,		2m 11 110rds now hall. Gd).
	4 6-0011 ARZANI (6) (5th eq) (CD) () Congrove 5-0-0	THE BOAD WEST: Forshed 3rd of 14, bin 61, to Scenic Route (Limerick 2m 1f NH Rat, Gd).
_	5 110-005 QUEEN'S MINISTER (7) P Cole 3 9 7	TAR BOOK SEST FORMED SOUL H, DATE OF COME LOUIS (CHARLES SIT II HE) FOR COL.
	6 110-005 QUEEN'S BINNERINA (7) P Cole 3-0-7	·
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	9 (8043) ZARRAM (7) (Sib-ex) (C) J Bradley 5-8-9\$ Occurse 12	202 HZ67/1- ASCAN (375) HZ58820 8-17-0
	19 85-546 BY THE BAY (22) 8 Dos 4-8-5A Doi: (5) 5-k	203 F33F00- CALLERSKOY (202) D Lamb 5-11-0
	11 0-0000 VANIBOROUGH LAD (12) M Bolton 7-8-4 Q Duffield 1 12 QSD002 PARONOHABIA (6) J L Harris 4-7-10 Q Quber 7	204 (21- CELTIC GANT (214) L Lingo 6-11-0
	12 05002 PARONOMANA (6) J.L. Herts 4-7-10 Quien 7	205 10234-P CHOWN EQUERRY (3) (BF) G Richards 6-11-6 B Harding
	TOP FORM TIPE Killy Click Canada 8, Azzeri 7, Adjuntos 6	205 5/634-32 MONTYMOSS (13) Mrs 8 Sroth 7-11-0R Quest
		207 15221- 20VER UNISHION (204) J Howard Johnson 6-11-0
	Bettings 3-1 Arzani, 6-1 Kitty Kitty Cancers, Adamson, Zahran, 8-1 Felher Dan, Queen's Insignis, 10-1	208 22624-3 RYE CROSSING (17) T Easterby 6-11-0
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_	3.50 LADSHOKE ALL-WEATHER TROPHY HANDICAP TO \$2,178	1995: Mathard 5 10 12 A S Sanith 6-5 (N A Baghall) 4 rae
_	4 MACON SHEET ON SORD LINE CO. VOICE S. S.A. S.	Bettings 7-4 Becond, 5-2 Crown Egyerry, 6-1 Pre Crossing, 6-1 Asian, 10-1 Cellic Glans, Monyapous, 12-1
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	3 005001 MRS OFFEXT (15) (0) M Johnston 3-9-13	FORM GUIDE - BARONET: Led 4th to 5th, Jod 14th, mistake 4 out, ran on well, best Castle Citief 71
	4 20001 Taria Characta (20) (CD) V Soons 5-0	FORM GUIDE - BANCHET: LEG 4M TO 501, AND 1401, INSUERS 4 CUL, TEM ON WELL, DEST CESSE CITES 71
	# 25201 tells Collect (CD) (CD) 7 Solid 5-7-7	CREMENT SIGNATURE (Ayr 3m ti nov ch. Gd).
	6 CHIZE UTBOST ZEAL (31) (2) Pharts 3-8-7	EYE CROSSNICE Soon behind, stayed on under pressure from three out. 3rd of 9, 16 behind Poder 6 Bay
	7 DUCKS HINOCATION (123 (CD) A Moore 9-8-4	(Messerby 2se 4f 1 Mysis now hop ch., GO).
	2 CONTO NEEVEN THENK TWICE (15) X hory 3-0-3	ASLAND Prominent, 10 lengths second and beatten when left three out belied The Grey Monk (Ayr 2m nov
	9 42000 SMAP (18) J Car 3-93 A Clark S	ch. Gd.
	10 Sesson Cura strainer (20) (CD) K Novy 5-0-0 G Dudfield ?	CELTEC GRANTS: Prominent, led from 7th, bit 8th, est out, beet Spaceage Gold a neck (Ayr 3to 116vds now httl.
	11 00500 CHARGENO WEDE (36) (CD) 5 Williams 3-8-10 D R McCabe 9+	GO-SW.
	12 COSSEM HANGAM STORM (31) (GD) D Breach Davis 6-8-9	BEVIEW CHICAGO Close up, disputed 3 out, led less, ray on strongly, beat Bobbyjo 21 (Stigo Say hop hat, Sti).
	12 (255) BANAN SION (41) (42) B HELS BANA (45) B HELS	
	13 0-0000 RESIGNO (12) G Lovis 3-6-5	
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● John Edwards, who brings the curtain down on his 29-year training career tomorrow, won with his second last runner when Sigma Run landed the Leicester Novice Chase yesterday. The Ross-On-Wye trainer has his final runner with Jultara at Hereford tomorrow.

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From El Tel to Ocker for £200,000

Martin Thorpe

high-profile sporting export to Australia since Harold Larwood and Tony Greig is expected to set sall for football's new world today. Terry Venables held fur-

ther talks yesterday with the chairman of the Australian FA. David Hill, and barring a ast-minute hitch will take up the £200,000-a-year post as their national coach with the brief of qualifying the team for the 1998 World Cup finals. The former England coach, who resigned after plotting the downfall of Scotland, Spain and Holland in Euro 96, will need to turn his atten-tions to the likes of Tonga and

Venables will be joining at a time when television magnates and ambitious administrators are intent on pushing Australia into the top echelon

Western Samoa as he seeks to

pilot Australia through the Oceania group to meet an Asian qualifier for a place in

He had hoped to announce the move yesterday but a number of "private" matters needed ironing out before Hill could return down under with Venables's signature in

The salary is 30 per cent more than he received as England coach but requires him to spend only four months a year in Australia. The rest of profile of the game back the time he will check on the 100 or so Australian players

performing overseas.

Portsmouth yesterday confirmed that Venables will also be staying as their director of football, so his journey from Pompey to Pom gives him the best of both worlds. Venables has already con-

sulted the former coach Eddie

knowledge is not as up-to-date as Eddie's but I've spoken to him and he has been very helpful. Australia are a country who want to get in-volved big-time in world

> Australian opinion on Venables has been as divided as it is in England. The former national goalkeeper Jack Reilly said the appointment would be a disgrace and a "slap in the face" for all those involved in the local game.
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> This is totally inconcer

able, an absolute farce. He knows nothing about Australian conditions (and) knows little or nothing about our overseas and local players." The former Australia de-David Ratcliffe questioned Venables's coaching record. Germans and South Americans who have just as good, if not better, credentials than Venables," said Ratcliffe, the

But the departing Thomson praised the governing body for targeting Venables.

Terry is a great guy and will
do wonders for the game. I'm positive he will get us to the World Cup."
Aston Villa's Australia

in the national league.

goalkeeper Mark Bosnich is also pro-Venables. "We are probably second division when it comes to international football but Terry Ven-ables could change all that. home.

The former Liverpool for ward Craig Johnston agreed Terry Venables can do what Jack Charlton did for the Irish," said the Australian. There is a new breed at executive level in the Australian game, high-powered TV men, big thinkers who are doing a fantastic job. Terry can be the



Owl trap . . . Wednesday's Newsome is sandwiched between Forest's Jerkan and Phillips

Premiership: Sheffield Wednesday 2 Nottingham Forest 0

Forest left rooted to the bottom

HE prospect of Notting-ham Forest surrendering their place among the elite after only three seasons cannot now be discounted. Not since the campaign's opening day have they tasted the seemingly forbidden fruit of success in the Premiership and even at this admittedly early stage the omens could hardly be said to he encouraging.

Sheffleld's relief was almost tangible. This was their first league win in 10 weeks. It was narrow, but well merited and rounded off in some style five minutes before the final whistle by the Italian import Benito Carbone who drove in a plendid shot from 20 yards, his first for the club.

in geographical terms this was something of a local derby but, sadly, one which no one seemed particularly interested in On a night when winter saw fit to announce its arrival, Hillsborough was barely a third full, a stark reminder that a disillu-sioned supporter with Christmas on his mind can be a most fickle animal.

alty faded as the temperature plunged missed a robust duel, one which, perhaps surprisingly, was sustained throughout by some purposeful and intelligent football. Not that Forest had much to

do with that. These are hard and depressing times at the City Ground. However, gainst a backdrop of dramatically reduced expectations moves are afoot to remedy the

Frank Clark's sense of desperation is now so acute that the manager is willing to further enrage an impatient support by selling off the family

PHOTOGRAPH: MARK THOMPSON miership clubs have already

they would care to lodge bids for Forest's senior players, the inference being that every member of Clark's rather shallow senior puol is available for transfer if the price is

quickly. Yesterday lunchtime the man who would be saviour, the local businessm Grant Bovey, announced he was withdrawing his offer of around £16 million Forest are hardly an attractive proposi tion. Unfortunately, not all their problems are of a fiscal

Wednesday brightly, got stronger and would have built a potentially decisive advantage inside 15 minutes but for Crossley's goalkeeping and their own wretched marksmanship.

Crossley's athleticism de-nied both Newsome and Pembridge but even he was a mere spectator when Hyde charged through the centre only to drive carelessly wide when scoring appeared to be an easier option.

Wednesday's football was by some distance the neater but their insistence on chartnelling their efforts down the right flank was confusing and erved to dramatically reduce the level of their overall effectiveness.

Chances continued to fall Wednesday's way and with 27 minutes remaining a tangible reward was finally theirs.

Carbone's rather over-hit corner was returned into the penalty area by Newsome and after the hall had evaded countless outstretched legs Oriando Trustfuli stepped for ward to steer in a low shot.

Uefa Cup, third round: Metz v Newcastle

Shearer keeps options open

Michael Walker

on a striking mystery in Metz

team tonight.

■HE cables buzzed and the telephones hummed: the word was out all over Alsace-Lorraine and the word was Shearer. As the world's most expensive footballer descended the steps at Metz airport yesterday he was greeted on the runway by

of Alan Shearer's stock Dalglishisms — "If I play I play, if I don't I don't" — although he had been more forthcomreason I'm going over is to train. Just because Les [Ferdinand| has got injured doesn't mean I heal quicker."

Shearer, however, did not rule out the possibility that he might see some action barely one month after surgery on his groin. "You'll have to ask the physic and the numager about that. I'll be surprised if I play, I'll do well Kevin Keegan gave an em-

Shearer starting but the Newcastle manager may find some intimidatory value in having him on the bench.
With Ferdinand not travelling. Paul Kitson, who could not even make the substitutes'

bonch against West Ham, could be in for a recall Altercould be in for a recall Alter Ginola, against the team he natively Keegan may bring in faced on his debut for Toulon a defender or midfleider and advance David Ginola alongside Faustino Aspr<u>illa.</u>

ing significance for Ginola. who is desperate to regain a place in the French national squad. This is an opportunity to convince both Aimé Jacquet, the France manager, and Joe Publique that he is a

man rejuvenated. Keegan, though firmly behind his man, showed a touch of concern. "David's very disappointed about being out of the French team and now has the chance to press his claims. But he must make sure he doesn't try to make it French reporters desperate to a one-man show. He has be know if he would be in the come part of the overall pat-They probably received one Alan Shearer's stock Dalshow. That's what will impress people, including the people who matter."

Jacquet matters very much to Ginola but not to the point where the Newcastle winger is prepared, in his words, "to go round to his house, get down on one knee outside his

front door and beg".

Doubly galling for Ginola is that Metz's dashing young star Robert Pires is widely perceived as his replacement Jacquet apparently sees "more potential" in the 23year-old

Ginola is mature enough to recognise his rival's talents, although he added: "He's young, and in France espe cially we talk too much about young players and put pres-sure on too early. Maybe Eric (Cantonal and me are too old, maybe the personalities are

too big."
Tonight is certainly big for 11 years ago. "It was freezing," he said of that occasion, so he will not have been sur-This game, and the return prised by the thick snow fallleg, are fast assuming defining softly on Metz last night.

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Old Lady has spring in her step again

Paddy Agnew says Juventus are coming to the boil nicely for tomorrow's Champions League Group C match at Old Trafford

ventus had drawn 0-0 at home to Milan in a pulsating, rain-soaked league encounter on Sunday night, the most famous ponytail in Italian soccer made his way into

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too painfully vivid. United fans looking to Juventus's record of the past month for comfort should also

beware. The European champions may currently be only third in Serie A, two points behind the leaders Internazionale, and they may have won only three out of 10 league, Italian Cup and Champions League games in the past month, but as Milan discovered on Sunday night, when the chips are down Juventus produce the goods.

When Inter beat them 3-0 in the first leg of the Italian Cun quarter-finals in Turin last Wednesday, scribes could have been forgiven for resorting to the word "crisis". In the realpolitik of the Italian game and Juventus thinking, however, that defeat was a matter of only relative

was the thorough 2-0 drub-bing Juventus had adminis-

INUTES after Ju- | in Turin in September is all | game. Indeed, that is the point: Juventus are still alive and well in the competitions that interest them namely the Champions League and the Italian title race.

In the next week, Juventus play two games which interest them greatly. The first is tomorrow night, the second next Tuesday in Tokyo when they face the South American champions, River Plate of Argentina, in the Intercontinental Cup final.
The Old Lady of Italian

soccer is certain to put her best foot forward on both For the past month the Ju-

ventus coach Marcello Lippi has been confounding pundits by consistently expressing satisfaction with the way his side has been playing. On Sunday night he was at it again, positively beaming after his side's epic tussle

with Milan and saying: "I'm very satisfied with the way Juventus played; we came back [from the defeat by Inter] well, we played good Zidane . . French polish

ever, Lippi's satisfaction has probably been induced by his belief that he and the club president Roberto Bettega have pulled off a massive

They have managed to sell off three of their most important players of recent seasons Gianluca Vialli (to Chelsea) Fabrizio Ravanelli (to Mid lesbrough) and the Portu-



still keep the Juventus ship long with a full sail.

This season's Juventus new boys, the Croatian striker Alen Boksic (from Lazio). French midfielder Zinedine Zidane (Bordeaux) and Uru-guayan defender Paolo Montero (Atalanta), have done more than well.

supporters for three seasons because of his failure to score goals but the Roman fans forgot just how many goals the Croat sets up with his powerful wide runs.

After the inevitable initial Italian stutters, Zidane has formed such an effective central midfield partnership with his compatriot Didier Deschamps that the gifted Italian playmaker Alessandro Del Piero is facing stiff competi-tion for his place, especially as the formation has switched from 4-3-3 to 4-4-2 with the

Serb Vladimir Jugovic and Angelo Di Livio on the flanks. Watch out for all of the above on what could be another uncomfortable European night for Manchester United at Old Trafford.

UFO puts the spotlight on Knighton

ICHAEL KNIGHTON, the chairman and chief opponents."

| still keep the Juventus ship | with chairman and chief for the past month, how not just afloat but skimming executive of Carlisle, is reconstituting the decision to cuit the club at the end of the sea son after a row with a local newspaper over a story about his experience with a UFO at an M62 filling station in 1977. The front-page headline of Saturday's Carlisle News and Star read: "Knighton: Aliens Boksic exasperated Lazio Spoke To Me". The story told how at a meeting of UFO enthusiasts in Carlisle last Thursday the millionaire de-scribed a "glowing disc" in

the sky and a voice saying: "Michael, don't be afraid." Knighton said the report was the final straw in a "negative campaign" against him.
"When the relationship has deteriorated to this level it's time to call it a day." However, last night the

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paper printed an open letter on its front page which read: We have never asked Michael to resign and we don't want him to resign." Knighton may remain as chairman but appoint a new chief executive. 'It was off the record and an experience that

I couldn't explain. They [the paper] betrayed that trust.

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soccer for over an hour, giving very little away to our (to Borussia Dortmund) and

the press room.

Roberto Baggio, distinguished Juventus old boy and Little Prince of Serie A, had just played a more than useful role in an excellent Milan performance, but especially praised his former team, saying: "I'd say that Juventus still has that bit extra over

this Milan side." Certainly Manchester United probably do not need reminding of the Zebras' pedigree. As they prepare to face Juventus in their Champions League Group C tie at Old Trafford tomorrow night, United are probably only too willing to believe that Juven-tus are the strongest side in Italy this season. The memory of the comprehensive 1-0 defeat Alex Ferguson's team suffered in the first encounter

importance. Of far more significance tered to Inter in Turin three weeks earlier in a league

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sorverd Romen Harari and Ukrania striker Victor Leonanto all arrived a Rober Park lest night and will play in the reserves systems West Bromwich tomor-row. Sunderland's manager Peter Reid said: "It we like what we see, it is feesible they could play on Schurding. These highly recommo

Sport in brief

Tim Henman, the British No. 1, has dropped two places from 27 to 29 in the latest ATP world rankings. Britain's No. 2 Greg Rusedski, beaten by Henman in Sunday's National Championships final in Telford, remains at 48.

Rugby Union Jonah Lomu will make a

guest performance for Ebbw Vale next month; the All Black wing will play against a Welsh Invitation XV at the Gwent club on December 4. Lomu, who arrives in Britain today with the touring New Zealand Barbarians, is managed by Phil Kingsley-Jones, whose son, the Wales flanker Kingsley Jones, captains the ctub.

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Lincoln's Mark Chaloner, the eighth seed in the men's World Open in Karachi, was unexpectedly bundled out in the first round yesterday. Zu-bair Jahan of Pakistan beat the 24-year-old Chaloner, who broke into the professional ranks when he reached the last eight of this competition in Cyprus last year, 15-12, 7-15, 15-6, 15-6 in 67 minutes,

Rugby League Oldham Bears are negotiating

new contracts with their captain Martin Crompton and the second-row forward David Bradbury in an effort to keep them at the club. Crompton is believed to be a target of Leeds and both are wanted by the Australian Rugby League.

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Rugby Union

TV cash can tempt clubs back into fold

Robert Armstrong

NGLAND's leading clubs may shortly secure a bigger long-term money guaran-tee which could help resolve their nine-month dispute with the Rugby Football

If Twickenham proceeds with a plan to make a fresh approach to BSkyB, with which it has signed a five-year, £27.5 million contract, the money it has earmarked clubs could be substantially increased

Today the RFU will brief international Board representa-tives at a meeting in London on its proposals to grant English Professional Rugby

sponsorships. The clubs, who are understandably reluctant to sign a five-year deal with the RFU that currently guarantees them money for only three years, will hold a meeting this week to discuss their next moves.

Clubs Association, which draws its members from the lower leagues. "We think it quite disgraceful the way Epruc has acted in this matter," said Colin Sewell, the NCA secretary.

The NCA has been forced to find a contraction of the cont next moves

Meanwhile the Argentinians, on their arrival in London yesterday, promptly of-fered to shorten their sevenmatch tour to save the RFU the embarrassment of putting out under-strength divisional sides because of Epruc's ban on the participation of play-ers from Leagues One and

Epruc's withdrawal of the top players after it had initially promised to release them for divisional games against Argentina, South Africa A, Queensland and the New Zealand Barbarians was Union Clubs Ltd greater autonomy in organising compectations was

Mains claims waitress spiked All Blacks drinks before final

AURIE MAINS, the former New Zealand coach, has repeated his claim that the All Blacks were polynomial before lest warr's livers were were were not becaused his own money to hire a South African private investigator. A handful of the coach soned before last year's players were unaffected World Cup final against the Springboks in South Africa. Mains said in a television interview that a South African waitress, "Susie", was paid to poison the team on the eve of the final, won by South Africa 15-12.

He said he had discovered from two sources that the Bridgend in the Anglo-team's tea and coffee had Welsh Cup next Tuesday.

after arriving late for a meal and drinking freshly made tea or coffee.

 Bristol have signed the France A back-row forward former Begles and Narbonne player is expected to make his debut against

titions and negotiating | Clubs Association, which quite disgraceful the way Epruc has acted in this matter," said Colin Sewell, the NCA secretary.

The NCA has been forced to find alternative venues to

stage divisional fixtures after clubs such as Bath and grounds out of bounds. And grounds out or bounds. And although the North include eight players from League One Sale for tomorrow's game against Queensland in Hud-dersfield, the London side for will be drawn substantially from Havant and Rosslyn Park, and the South-West, who play Argentina in Bristol mexi Sunday, will rely mainly on Exeter and Newbury. London will be led by Sale's England squad lock John

Fowler. He is paired in the second row with Park's Ian Campbell-Lamerton, whose father Mike led the 1966

Lions.

Jason Leonard will mark his 50th cap against Italy on Saturday by becoming Eng-land's vice-captain. Ben Clarke missed training at Bi-sham Abbey yesterday; if he does not recover from the dead-leg that has troubled him for a week, Chris Sheasby will make his Eng-land debut in the back row.

Lewis wants Wembley

OOKING and sounding like a soul music super-estar in Europe by public demand, Lennox Lewis was telling everyone yesterday how great it was to be back in England and that when he became the first Briton to regain the world heavyweight title he planned to do it in front of his English fans.

"This will be another great first for Lennox," said his has earmarked January 24, the first free date on satellite TV schedules, for Lewis's rematch with Oliver McCall for the vacant WBC title. The four venues in view are

Reno, Atlantic City, Wembley

and Newcastle upon Tyne. Lewis prefers Wembley because "this is a revenge thing. want to win it back here".

There is no reason why not court victory over Don King by Maloney and his backer Panos Eliades, who held yesterday's press conference at the Law Society, only a gavel's throw from the Law Courts in the Strand Having won full costs from

King, given leave to sue him "for tens of millions" in a US civil suit, and been awarded could scarcely contain their delight. The only member of their party not smiling was the dreadlocked Lewis, who had earlier announced his backing for Black FM, a reg-gae station bidding for the last London-wide franchise.

Raiders stand-off Laurie

Daley, one the world's out-standing players who is ex-pected to lead Australia on their tour of Great Britain

next year, will be a guest of

Meanwhile Jack Robinson,

Wigan's chairman, said yes-terday that he had had talks

with Chris Wright, the owner

we could offer players five months of league then five of

Halifax Blue Sox have made

inquiries about Tony Barrow, the 25-year-old Swinton Lions

prop. The rugby union clubs Bedford and London Scottish

are also reported to be inter-

victories at Exeter and Bath,

were this time beaten 15-12, 15-5 by Zhang Jun and Min

Zhenyu. China were again su-

perior in women's singles and doubles but England remain

unbeaten in the men's singles

and mixed doubles thanks to

a second win of the tour for

the improved Colin Haughton

and a first victory for John

England were confident of

former European doubles champion partnering Quinn, coming into the team for the

was playing his first singles.

Quinn and Joanne Goods.

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"I'll beat him. I don't know if
I'll knock him out but I'll certainly be trying" — the jockeying for position will begin
again. Mike Tyson has been exposed as a mere mortal after losing to Evander Holy-field, who could now surrender the WBA belt and retire. Lewis must hope not. "In the only top fighter he hasn't faced. If I know his ego he'll come after me." Then there are Michael his forfeited deposit of Moorer (the IBF champion)

manager Frank Maloney, who | \$456,000 (about £285,000), they | and the undefeated Anglo-Nigerian Henry Akinwande (WBO), who seems willing to fight the former British champion Scott Welch at Palm Springs on January 11. William Hill does not see Lewis holding all four belts at

ast London-wide franchise.

His aim is to hold all four offered 500-1 against him heavyweight titles, but he doing so before May 19 1998.

Rugby League

Summer success leads to 'exciting' new season

Paul Fitzpatrick

ANS approve of summer rugby and, by an even more decisive majority, so do the players. A poll conducted by the Rugby League Support-ers' Association shows 63 per cent of supporters in agreement with the move to summer, and a survey con-ducted by the Rugby Football League reveals that 91 per cent of players approve of the

Maurice Lindsay, the RFL's chief executive, said: "The players clearly think summer rugby is a winner, and that sentiment is echoed by the fans, who also are firmly in favour of the new set-up. "Next year we will give

them some superb matches at both domestic and interna-tional level, and over the next lew weeks there will be a series of exciting announcements for players and fans to

Those announcements will start tomorrow when details of the new season, and particularly the world club champi-

Badminton

England unfazed by defeat

Richard Jago

DESPITE England's first men's doubles defeat of China's six-match tour, they are still on the verge of only their second success in any scries against the visitors. The home country went into last night's penultimate match at Mansfield with a 3-1 lead after James Anderson and Ian Pearson had lost the deciding men's doubles at King's Lynn on Sunday, giving China their first victory

Anderson and Pearson, who first time. Peter Knowles, of the tour. . . .

sickness to win through onship involving all British and Australian Super League clubs, will be unveiled at Headingley. The Canberra

Clive Everton

title at Bournemouth last month elevated him to fourth in the provisional world rankings, was glad of his 7-I overnight lead as he win over his compatriot Tony Chappel in the UK Championship at Preston

of Wasps rugby union club, but he denied suggestions of a takeover by the London club. "Basically we discussed sharing our assets to utilise and expand the trading pow-ers of both clubs," said Robin-son. "Together we should be able to attract the cream of the world's rugby talent and conference.

His opponent for a place in the televised last 16 which begins on Saturday will be India's No. 1 Yasin

Merchant, the world No. 73, would have been India's mainstay in the zonal qualifying for the World Cup but a change of dates clashed with his long-

has to make once in a life-time. I delayed it once a few years ago to play in the Asian amateur champion ship but there was no way l was going to do it again," said Merchant.

the 20-nation final stage in Bangkok this month. But Pakistan did, helped by their No. 1 player Shokat Ali, born and based in

son Ferguson. wrapping up the series last night with Chris Hunt, the Steve Davis, quoted at an they wanted to to us. I didn't

Snooker

Williams defies

MARK WILLIAMS, the 21-year-old Welsh left-hander whose Grand Prix completed a 9-3 first-round

Williams, suffering from

an upset stomach, was physically sick after the match and was excused the mandatory press

Merchant, who beat Dave Finbow 9-5.

planned trip to Mecca.

"It is Haj, the holy pil-grimage that every Muslim

Without their best player, India failed to reach

Accrington. Yesterday Ali was level -4 at the interval with Ja-

title he won six times in the Eightles, made breaks of 75, 92 and 99 in accumulating a 6-2 interval lead over Tamle Burnett.

They interval ception on their next drive. In an accumulation of the plays later Davis blasted thanks to Terrell Davis, who into the end-zone from 10 we're only one injury away has blossomed into a superb yards out, and he struck again from being 10 and six."

and a caddie filled with bags extended to nine and now 18, with a par of 61. The course, naturally, is hilly, with spectacular views over the port area. The golfer balls, four would have been a David Davies visits Japan's first golf course, just a sedan-chair ride from Kobe

High tee in the mountains

circuitous, and precipi- and so on and put them in the climb from the port of original to the caddie master.

Kobe to the top of Rokko The reason is simple. Kobe Mountain, some 3,000 feet up, will find, after a diligent search among the byways there, the oldest golf club in Japan. It was founded in 1903 by Arthur Hesketh Groom, truncated bags supplied by who could be called the Father of Japanese Golf and responsible today for the mil-lions of addicts who pursue the game in the Land of the

Rising Sun. Groom was a trader who settled in Kobe. He married a local woman who bore him 15 children, nine of whom survived, and there are still two members of his family who

are members at Kobe today. There is a bust of Groom in building furnished in a style that you would expect to find in a golfing backwoods in the border country of Scotland or Wales, untouched by the modern era. The furniture is rattan chairs, the walls and floors are of wood, the locker

room is musty.

But if that, to those with long memories, is familiar, Japanese golf in general is not. Take Kobe for starters. It will come as a shock to the visitor to be told that he cannot play either with the bag or with the full number of clubs with which he arrived. He has to select 10 of his allotment of 14 clubs and put them in a special bag provided by the club. He or she also has to

HOSE who survive the | find enough balls, tees, gloves new bag, and abandon the is short of caddies, so every one they can get is required to carry all a fourball's bags, two on each shoulder, and that can only be done with the

> the club. It is a novel solution to a pressing problem. The caddles are grateful for recent developments, though Since graphite shafts and titanium club-heads replaced steel and persimmon respec-tively, the overall weight they have to carry has dropped

The caddies still have their work cut out. Kobe is a fascinating course, built on the top of a mountain range which, when Groom arrived, could be reached in comfort only by sedan chair, and the climb took the best part of a day. Nowadays there is a cable car, and a tarmac road for the cars of the rich Japanese

They began with four holes, above the tee and even with

mother, said yesterday that he sees the hate mail he

receives as a sign of the success of his campaign

against some private Amer-

ican courses which do not admit non-whites.

will not find the view so good at the 11th, however, this five iron short hole is completely blind from the tee, over a huge hill down a steen slope to a flat, circular green. There is no way of knowing whether you are on the green until you arrive, panting, at the top of the rise and look down to the putting surface. For those who know it, this is Lahinch

revisited. The 18th is perhaps what would be called the signature hole these days. An elevated tee looks over a tree-filled ravine, with a carry of 200 yards to the fairway, with the green a further 25 yards. There is a safe route to the right but the gully is filled with balls: this is Japan, where "face" is everything and no one wants

to be a wimp.

Kobe is a museum piece and a treasure. This is truly golf as it originally was, and if it scarcely seems right to designate a hole of 183 yards as a par four, as is the 3rd, then it has to be realised that the

Anti-racism campaign succeeding says Woods

starts on Thursday. "Tve had hate mail and death

But if there is a great deal that is familiar, there is much that is not. The Japanese customarily play nine holes and then stop for lunch — and not just for a cheese sarnie. Hors-d'oeuvre at Kobe was fried octopus and stewed tripe, before the beef curry arrived. The beef of course was superb, for this is Kobe, famous for its steaks. The cattle are fed with beer, among other things, and their hides are vigorously brushed each day to produce a

the beef incredibly tender. The restaurant is operated for the club by the giant drinks combine Suntory, which used to sponsor the World Match Play at Wentucts are whisky and beer, and the glasses in the club carry,

in tiny gold lettering, the words: A glassful of drops Each drop is tomorrow's

Sin your dreams by drops. Very Japanese, not very

TIGER WOODS, the son of a black father and Thai mother, said yesterday that the sees the hate mail he receives as a sign of the success of his campaign starts on Thursday. "Tve seas, is still troubled by a had hate mail and death threats. The hate mail is down to "growing pains". Sabatini . . . retired at 26

Last bow for Gaby

nament that closes the season, known this year as the Chase Championships, began last night in Madison Square Garden with a tribute to the 1990 US Open champion

Gabriela Sabatini The organisers had no doubt already offered their silent tributes to Stelli Graf, who hours earlier confirmed she would be playing here de-spite her sorely aching back. Sabatini announced her retirement three weeks ago but the Corel WTA Tour decided to make a big deal out of it here as the 26-year-old Argentinian is — was — one of its brightest marketing attractions, even though she has not done well enough lately to qualify to play.

The Japanese Kimiko Date.

another regular in the women's top 10, is also retiring at the end of the year at the age of 26 but there is no glamour send-off for her. Instead the former world No. 4, three times a Grand Slam semi-finalist, has a first-round match But then Date never had a perfume named after her, or a rose. Sabatini did, although she ceased to be a factor in ago and became a pale shadow of the player who stormed to the US title as a 20-

year-old, having announced perself two years earlier by

taking this event in its Virginia Slims incarnation. The key to her Flushing Meadow title was the canny Brazilian Carlos Kirmayr, a former touring professional who recognised in her the potential of an all-court player. He encouraged her to go to the net and it was her attacking game which saw her beat Graf in straight sets in the

1990 final. Ten months later she should have won a second Grand Slam title when she looked the genuine article on the fast grass of Wimbledon. But she never really seemed hungry enough and a more determined Graf took the title 9–7 in the final set.

A year later Sabatini split with Kirmayr, and despite a succession of new coaches she never rediscovered that form. kept coming. In retrospect her decline as a player can be traced back to June 1993 and the French Open quarter-final when she led Mary Joe Fer-nandez 6-1, 5-1, 40-30; after failing to convert a total of eight match points she lost 10-8 in the third after a souldestroying 31/4 hours. It took her 17 months to win another event: her second Virginia Slims title here in 1994.

"surplus" of £29.1 million last summer, £1.2 million up on 1995, giving the LTA a income for the year of £45.1 million. Of this the governing body spent £39.7 million on projects such as the first British ATP Tour event on clay, at Bournemouth in Septemment officers appointed to service grassroots tennis.



American Football

Dashing Davis fuels sweet Denver dreams

Mark Tran in New York

REAMS of a Super Bowl title are more vivid among the Denver Broncos after they shredded the New England Patriots to take over the NFL's best record - 10 victories to only one defeat and with it potential home ad-vantage in the play-offs.

The Patriots were on a hot

Foxboro Stadium to crush them 34-8. The game was over at half-time and 24-0. Willie McGinest, the home defensive end, summed it up painfully: "They ran over us,

passed over us, sacked us, stopped us. They did what eyebrow-raising 40-1 for a play well, we didn't play well. title he won six times in the They threw us around."

running back in his second | 10 minutes before the half year as a pro. A sixth-round when he took the hand-off at draft pick last season, he the New England two-yard leads the league in rushing with 1,209 yards this year and has transformed a team that relied too heavily on John Elway at quarterback.

Davis was his usual potent self on Sunday, rushing 32 times for 154 yards and catching four passes for 56 yards. He also collected 21 of Denver's points with two rushing TDs and one TD catch. The running back got things

rolling on Denver's first pos-session, courtesy of a fumbled fourth-down fake punt from the Patriots. He ran a crossing ronte from right to left out of the backfield and scored on a 15-yard pass from Elway. The Patriots' Drew Bledsoe disastrously threw an inter-

line only to drop the ball

and then get a lucky bounce to

But Davis knows his place Emmitt Smith, Barry Sanders. Thurman Thomas, Ricky Watters, Terry Allen," he recited. "Until I pay my dues and go to a Super Bowl, I consider myself a second-class back.'

Francisco looking less assured this season, the legedly before his interna-Broncos' December 8 test at tional clearance had been Green Bay with the Packers' quarterback Brett Favre is starting to look intriguing. Shanahan is damping it all down, of course. "We just

ice Hockey

New signing sparks Storm watch

Vic Batchelder

IOTTINGHAM Panthers hope they will recover something from a seemingly lost weekend in which Saturday's 5-4 home defeat to the Manchester Storm was followed by a 4-1 defeat in

Panthers' hopes are based on Storm's inclusion of their new signing from Lilleham-With the usual NFC power-houses in Dallas and San Bart Vanstaalduinen, in Sattheir opponents.
Sheffield Steelers yesterday urday's Superleague game, al-

> The claim gained credibility when Manchester omitted Vanstaalduinen from Sunday's 6-1 home win over Ayr Scottish Eagles. A Storm Hockey Association secretary | major incident".

David Pickles said he was reporting to the Superleague on "circumstances surrounding his [Vanstaalduinen's] International Transfer Card". The Superleague chief executive John Lord said the matter "was under investigation", with a decision to be announced "most probably today. In past cases in the British League, the offending team have often been fined and a 5-0 win awarded to

returned from their European Cup semi-final tournament in Finland having been praised by police in Hameenlinna for showing "restraint", after provocation by fans of the Norwegian side Storhamar led to a brawl at 4am yester-day in a night-club. Police spokesman said it was due to commended Steelers' Jamie a "registration technicality" Van der Horst, saying the debut yesterday the British Ice fenceman had "stopped a



Outcry over women in the ring

On the day another man dies of injuries suffered in a fight, female amateurs win the right to take part in the sport. Nick Variey reports

revealed, on the day that another male fighter died, that women and girls aged 10 and over will be for the first time.

The coincidence of the announcement from the Ama teur Boxing Association of England and the death of the Italian Fabrizio De Chiara provoked a furious reaction from campaigners against the

But among the voices raised in concern about remove the lump."
women's new rights to fight was a medical expert who has the BBBC — which governs

said: "I'm terribly concerned about this. I don't think enough is known about the potential risks to women for such a decision to be made. Blows around the breast or chest can induce bruising, and the nodule which is created is difficult to distinguish

from cancer.

'No one is saying it increases the chances of cancer but no surgeon is going to say 'Carry on'; he's going to

faced | been one of boxing's highest- | professional fighting and does not endorse women's fighting or two fronts yesterday as it was
revealed, on the day

Boxing Board of Control,

Boxing Union, added: "Even if women wear breast protectors, they would have to be made of steel to stop bruising occurring. We also need to know much more about what is happening during the

period, when the woman is shedding blood, making her more anaemic. And she could be boxing without even realising she is pregnant." Criticism also came from more expected quarters. Dr Bill O'Neill, of the British Medical Association, which has been campaigning for boxing to be banned, said: "I am very unhappy to hear this

news. It is as dangerous for women as it is for men, possibly more dangerous, we just

the very weekend that another fighter dies. Public other fighter dies. Public opinion wants less violence in our schools. The only outcome of allowing 10-year-olds after he collapsed in the final

I'm concerned. I don't think enough is known about potential risks to women

Dr Whiteson

in the playground and more children getting hurt." Even the ABA was split on the issue, voting 10-4 for the decision with three abstentions. Among those opposed was its medical expert Dr Roy

Safety Council, said: "It is very sick that the ABA should extend boxing in this way on the very weekend that an felt boxing would be handing brilliant and very important.

come of allowing 10-year-olds after he collapsed in the final in the ring will be more fights round of an Italian title fight, with no experience."

The debate firstless of t Doctors at a hospital in Pisa turned off his life-support machine, confirming that he was brain dead. He was previunbeaten in 12 professional fights.

Nevertheless Britain's women boxers celebrated the opening up of their sport at grassroots level. For the first time in the ABA's 116-year history, women and girls are now allowed to spar at amateur gyms and will be able to fight competitively from next October. Previously any of them wanting to hit anything more than a punchball had to turn professional and box under the banner of the Women's International Box-

One who did, the welter-weight Jane Couch, aged 28,

It's good news for the sport," she said. "If it was about when I first started I wouldn't

European lightweight cham-pion Sue Atkins, aged 35, who now coaches women and girls aged 14 upwards, gave a cau-tious welcome. "I think it's good. I wouldn't knock it, but I don't think we are now on

our way," she said.
"As far as I'm concerned the sport will make far bigger ad-vances if Sky keeps showing women's fights from America and Germany, which it has been doing." Two of Mike Tyson's most recent bouts have featured women's fights on the undercard.

She added: "Now I'm waiting to hear from the BBBC and hope they also change the rules so we can have women fighting on the same bill as men in this country like they do elsewhere."



A PASSIONE, Chris

Rea's endearing film
about why people love
Ferraris, had its premiere at the London Film Festival last week. People who love Ferraris will be looking forward to its commercial release, for Ferrari-worship is the most identifiable strain of contemporary motor racing

Try to imagine a grand prix season without the prancing-horse flags, the banners, the incontinent joy and existential gloom that accompany the fluctuating for tunes of the red cars from Modena. These things transcend age and na-tionality, and Rea's film inves tigates why this should be so. It begins with his very own Rosebud: a tiny model Ferrari, a Dinky Toy from the 1950s,

cupped in a small boy's hand. But there was a time when Ferrari was not even the most romantic name in Modena, never mind in the entire world of motor racing. Curiously, La Passione had its premiere on a pivotal day for the legacy of Maserati, a name which once went with Ferrari as Fellini went with Antonioni

As you read this, 19 historic Maseratis are in a south London garage. By the end of the week they will be back in Mo-dena where they belong.

Brooks, the specialist auc-tioneer, was to have put them up for sale in London in early de Tomaso, an Argentinian wheeler-dealer who bought the bankrupt Maserati comcany for practically nothing from the Italian government in the 1970s and sold it to Flat three years ago. The collection includes two exotically named cars associated with Stirling Moss, the unique
"Eldorado Special" in which
he was almost killed on the Monza banking in 1957, and a 1960 sports car known as the "Birdcage" because of the in-

tricacy of its chassis frame. Mystifyingly, Fiat refused to buy the collection along with the company three years ago. Yet when Brooks's press releases had gone out and the catalogues had been printed, the pasta began to fly as an almighty row erupted in Italy. Eventually it was agreed that they should not be allowed to fall piecement into the hands of private collectors and on Thursday a deal was struck ensuring that the cars return to Modens, where a museum will be built to house them. They have been bought, for a sum said to be around £1.5 million, by a syndicate apparently involving the city of Modena and a member of the Panini family, inventors of Roothall stickers.

Maserati was a magical name long before Euro Ferrari assembled his first car almost 50 years ago. In the summer of 1926 the four Mesereti brothers — Alfieri, Ettore, Bindo and Ernesto — proudly unveiled their first car in Bologna, posing for a photograph against the rough-stone garage wall with the craftsman who had helped them build it. Al-fleri drove the car in its first race, the gruelling Targa Florio over the Madonie mountains in Sicily, putting Maserati on

the road to a glorious racing history in the hands of Nirvo-iarl, Varzi, Taruffi and others. But the brothers' business acumen was not up to their engineering genius, and in 1937, five years after the premature death of Alfleri, the company had to be rescued by an Italian industrialist, Count Orsi, who moved the company to Modena and gave the remaining brothers a 10-year contract. When it expired they quietly returned to Bologos, to build little sports cars called Oscas to their usual technical

ACK in Modena, the cars that bore their name maintained a design integrity that often evaded Ferrari, and were winning races in the hands of Fangio and Moss. But the economic situation was always marginal, and a disastrous trip to South America in 1957 saw four of the team's sports cars destroyed in a single race, a catastrophe from which Maserati never really recovered.

and aesthetic standards.

Orsi and his successors lacked the harsh ambition and political cunning of an Enzo Ferrari, and the firm gradually faded from the racing scene. Fiat's involvement en sures that it will never be back, since the conglomerate already subsidises one grand prix team. But there are some of us for whom the legend retains a special poetry, and for whom the Rosebud, the battered little Dinky Toy, is called Maserati.

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Banned Giddins signs for Warwickshire

Jim Brett, the deputy director general of the British the ABA chairman Com-

David Hopps

cocaine were completed yes-terday when the England A fast bowler agreed a three-year contract with

Warwickshire. Glddins, who 10 days ago lost his appeal against a 19-month ban imposed by the Test and County Cricket Board, had received approaches from more than half the first-class counties since he was summarily sacked by

Sussex in the summer Warwickshire's chief executive Dennis Amiss described him yesterday as "an England player of the future", and that is an ambition which the player is determined to keep at the forefront of his mind during his suspension next summer. He is free to resume his career at the start of the

David Hopps

"I was anxious to sign quickly for a new county to keep my mind in focus," he said. "My ambition to represent towards rehabilitation as ever and I hope that when my han expires the when my ban expires the authorities do not hold it against me. I will have served

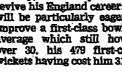


Giddins . . . England ambition

Giddins's playing alterna-tives are limited by the TCCB's insistence that the ban should cover all forms of first-class cricket worldwide. Warwickshire anticipate no objection to their proposal to pay him a midweek retainer next season to attend net ses-sions, and Giddins plans also to play league cricket in the

Having dealt so pitilessly with Giddins, Sussex's attempts to stanch an outflow of players by dismissing Alan Wells as captain showed their first signs of failure yesterday when Surrey completed the signing of Ian Salisbury.

The leg-spinner anticipates that the harder, drier pitches at The Oval, allied to one of the largest outfields in the country, will help him to revive his England career. He will be particularly eager to improve a first-class bowling average which still hovers over 30, his 479 first-class wickets having cost him 31.2.

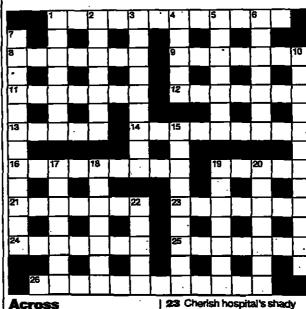




Pop music's morbid attraction towards tragic death

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1 Feeling poorly during escape at dusk (7,5)

8 Social climber mounted Ernst's last two paintings (7) 9 Distigurement is the result of some terrible mishap (7)

11 Schoolteacher died instead of a hoodlum (7) 2 Pet seen struggling to take

an uptum (7) 13 Poor French commander shelters journalist (5)

4 Endless casis preceded the beginning of economic development (9) 16 Record allowed Lawrence

to adopt gold embellishment on uniform (9) 19 Having second thoughts about one making strides (5)

21 Things I worked on to gain enlightenment (7)

clearing agent (7)

retreat (7)

25 Measure motorway during the night in the country (7) 26 Be pessimistic about the

24 Report back about drink's

ather — frost is widespread (4,3,5)

1 Keep a barrel in a protective

device or it can be melted (7) 2 In one city in America, instal a drill plate without skill (7) 3 Reticent Pole is upset and cross (9)

4 Type of hat for soldier on public transport (5)

5 It may calve when the

weather gets warmer (7) 6 They say the little beast's to nip up for a fastener (7)



7 Mocking behaviour in a novel (3.9)

10 Wants a means of transport for a gesture of protest (6,6) 15. See a ghost and it will change

17 Forgive a blackguard initially getting crack (7) 18 A more portable vessel (7) 19 Some get close without the

presence of a spouse (7) 20 Bird in lake finding a new temperature (7)

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